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LAW OF THE SEA

THE international diplomatic conference on the law of the sea, which opens today in Geneva under U.N. auspices, has assumed greater importance as a result of recent controversial gestures, notably by Indonesia which sought to enclose as internal waters the seas between the widely scattered islands of the Republic.

The International Law Commission, on whose recommendation the U.N. has convened the conference, grappled with a number of questions of great interest to the maritime Powers in preparing the draft code, but, in face of differing views, it still has been unable to propose any specific limit for international waters.

The British Government, in a series of comments to the Commission, pointed out that it is of prime importance to safeguard the freedom of the high seas to all users while at the same time guaranteeing to coastal States the maximum security and economic protection consonant with that prime objective.

Much Debated

THE question of territorial waters has been debated since at least the 16th century, generally as a corollary to the problem of ensuring that the widest possible freedom of the high seas be maintained for all shipping.

In the interests of the freedom of the sea, the three-mile limit should be adopted, it being the only uniform limit to have received a wide measure of recognition. The adoption of a wider limit would mean that a number of international straits would be in danger of becoming territorial waters.

Another controversial issue is the claim of land-locked States to access to the sea. Most such countries, in practice, have treaties or understandings with their immediate neighbours by which such access and rights to navigate the neighbours' territorial waters are secured.

No Unanimity

THE question has already been discussed by a committee of five, but there was no unanimity. Nepal, Bolivia and Czechoslovakia have advanced the view that existing agreements and the practice under them amount to an obligation in courtesy to facilitate access to the sea for all land-locked States. They argue that this convention of courtesy ought now to be given the protection of a formal rule of law.

Austria and Switzerland, the other members of the committee, have declared that they will not be bound by any of the recommendations resulting from the discussions of the committee.

Other land-locked countries—Afghanistan, Byelorussia, Hungary, Laos, Luxembourg, Paraguay, San Marino, and the Vatican City—will today join the committee of five and the maritime Powers in conference. On the access to the sea issue, as well as on the territorial waters question, there are certain to be wide divergences of opinion during the two-month deliberations at Geneva. On practical grounds, uniformity is long overdue.

MACMILLAN BACKS LLOYD

Not To Replace Foreign Office Head

London, Feb. 23.

Mr Harold Macmillan declared in a television interview tonight that he did not intend to replace Mr Selwyn Lloyd as Foreign Secretary "as a result of pressure."

The Prime Minister had been asked by Independent (commercial) Television interviewer, Robin Day, to comment on press forecasts that Mr Lloyd would be replaced.

He replied that Mr Lloyd had been a "very good" Foreign Secretary who had done his work "extremely well."

Loyalty

Mr Macmillan added: "If I did not think so, I would have made a change."

He then said of the press reports: "I do not intend to make a change as a result of pressure. That is not my idea of loyalty."

Asked about a report that Mr Lloyd wanted to give up the responsibility of being Foreign Secretary, the Prime Minister said: "Not at all, except that everyone would like to give up these appalling burdens."

Mr Macmillan then admitted that he, too, "in a sense" would like to give up the burden of office.

Summit Talks

He declared: "They are very heavy burdens. We have gone into this game, we try to do our best. It is in a sense our pleasure and, of course, our duty."

Answering another question, the Prime Minister said he hoped there would be "summit talks" this year.

Asked whether there should be a General Election in Britain before "summit talks," Mr Macmillan smiled and said he did not think it was a good idea.

The first thing, he declared, was to have the "summit talks." These comments followed an assertion by the interviewer, Robin Day, that at the recent election in Rochdale, 80 per cent of the voters cast votes for parties which believed Britain should renounce the hydrogen bomb.

Concerned

The Prime Minister said he was concerned about the Rochdale vote. It was "very important," but the people must understand the issues.

He believed the "way we were proceeding now" towards summit talks and controlled disarmament was the right approach.

Questioned earlier in the interview about why Britain needed the hydrogen bomb, Mr Macmillan said the country's independent contribution towards the nuclear deterrent gave it a better position in the world and in relation to the United States.

Sudden Attack

The interviewer asked Mr Macmillan about a recent Government White Paper on defence which said Britain would hit back with nuclear weapons, even if attacked by conventional arms.

The Prime Minister answered: "If there were a sudden attack on us by nuclear weapons, the West must retaliate by nuclear weapons."

"If there were a conventional attack, a border incident, of course, you would not answer that with a full nuclear attack." The Prime Minister then referred to Mr Macmillan's great reception in India during his recent Commonwealth tour, although the Indian Government was opposed to British foreign policy.

The Prime Minister replied: "I think that is not really so. They are opposed to the hydrogen bomb, certainly. They are opposed to the grouping in Nato and so forth."

"On the really basic thing they are on our side."

TENSION ON BORDER AREA

Khartoum, Feb. 23.

The Sudanese Premier, Mr Abdullah Khalil, said here tonight that a Sudanese advance post had today sighted about a company of Egyptian troops in a "distant part" of the border area claimed by both countries.

Mr Khalil told a Reuters correspondent no action had been taken by Sudanese troops.

A MESSAGE

"Since armed Egyptian forces have entered Sudanese territory despite all that has been said in the last two days, a message is being sent to Sudan's representative at the United Nations with instructions to request the Security Council to resume its meeting on the Egypt-Sudan dispute," he added.

"There is no question at the moment of withdrawing any of the troops we have sent to the border area."

He said a commission would arrange for men to vote on the spot in the Sudan general elections on Thursday.—Reuters.

Bombing Was Very 'Effective'

London, Feb. 23.

Mr P. Makatta, European representative of the Sumatra rebel regime, told A.F.P. today that he had been informed by the Indonesian Rebel Government at Bukit Tinggi that the bombing yesterday of the Bukit Tinggi and Padang radio stations by Djakarta air force had been "very effective."

He confirmed that both stations were now out of the air. "There is evidence," Makatta added, "that the Djakarta bombers are manned by Soviet crews."

He commented that the people most opposed to having the H-bomb were those who were also most anxious for Britain not to be subservient to the United States.

Cancelled

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has cancelled plans to visit seven South American countries this year because of the tense East-West situation, it was announced today.—United Press.

Cypriot Turks Demonstrate In London

London, Feb. 23. Some 5,000 Cypriot Turks, led by 500 Pakistanis today marched through the streets of London with banners and signs demanding the partition of the strife-ridden island.

They chanted slogans calling for partition and the departure of British Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, and declaring that Cypriot Turks would prefer death to Greek administration.

At Trafalgar Square, Cypriot Turkish leaders made speeches urging the demonstrators to fight to the end for partition.

ELECTIONS IN ARGENTINA VERY QUIET

Buenos Aires, Feb. 23.

Leftist Dr Arturo Frondizi, backed by a coalition including supporters of former dictator Juan D. Peron, tonight took a growing lead in Argentina's first fully free election in 30 years.

Unofficial returns from around the country gave Dr Frondizi 80,273 votes to 57,000 for his nearest rival, Dr Ricardo Balbin, a middle-road candidate.

Frondizi and Balbin, both attorneys and personal friends, are the candidates of rival factions of the Radical Party. It was estimated that 10 million votes would be cast.

A large crowd gathered in Buenos Aires in front of the offices of the newspaper La Prensa and cheered as each new Frondizi return was put on a bulletin board on the building.

RIOT POLICE

Truckloads of riot police were standing-by, but the city was relatively quiet with no violence.

More than 70,000 soldiers, crisscrossing the country, guarded 51,000 polling places around the country. It was the first really free election in Argentina since 1928 and the voters turned out early.

There were 13 Presidential candidates, but all signs pointed to a race between only Frondizi and Balbin. Conservatives received scattered votes.—United Press.

REPUBLICANS CHIDE TRUMAN FOR 'UNTRUTHFUL' SPEECH

Washington, Feb. 23.

Republican leaders unleashed a counter-attack of massive proportions today against former President Truman and his denunciation of the Eisenhower administration.

Led by the Republican Party National Chairman, Wendell Willkie, they accused Mr Truman of "typical Truman claptrap... wild and reckless charges... petty criticism... dime-a-dance oratory."

Replying to Mr Truman's Saturday night attack, the Republicans charged him with "typical Truman claptrap... wild and reckless charges... petty criticism... dime-a-dance oratory."

Many chided the former Democratic President for misleading the public in his "untruthful" speech on the birthday of George Washington, "the man who never told a lie."

All Defended

All defended President Eisenhower's defence, domestic and foreign policies. Most compared economic conditions in the past Roosevelt and Truman administrations unfavourably with conditions even in the current business slump.

The Truman administration exchanges marked the high point of political activity to date in this Congressional election year.

The former President made his attack on President Eisenhower and the Republican administration at a \$100-a-plate Democratic fund-raising dinner here last night.

In a "give 'em hell" mood, Mr Truman accused the administration of leading the nation into a "Republican recession."

Three of them, led by Noell Sager, Director of the Association of Cypriot Turks, delivered a petition to the Prime Minister's residence.

Copies of the petition were also sent to Turkish, British, and United States officials.—France-Press.

Russia Explodes Nuclear Device In Arctic Zone

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

Japanese scientists said today that Russia's latest nuclear weapons test — first detected in Japan and confirmed by the United States — was exploded in the Soviet Arctic Zone.

GENERALS AGAINST IRBMs IN GERMANY

Bonn, Feb. 23.

High-ranking Nato Generals have voted against the stationing of Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missiles in Western Germany, authoritative military sources disclosed here today.

In expert opinions submitted to the Supreme Allied Commander, General Lauris M. Norstad, these Generals instead proposed the setting up of launching sites for such missiles in Britain, Turkey, and the French and Italian Alps.

Their action was General Norstad's given in individual, separate military studies at the request of the Supreme Allied Commander.

The sources declined to disclose the names of the Generals but said most of them were members of the staff of General Norstad's SHAPE headquarters. German, French and Dutch officers were said to be among them.—United Press.

CELEBES BATTALION DESERTS

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

A company of a well-known Army battalion in North Celebes has deserted in protest against their District Commander's allegiance to the Revolutionary Government, the Antara news agency reported today.

The Indonesian news agency said, according to a report from Manado reaching Djakarta on Sunday the soldiers deserted a few days ago.

Antara said the Information Officer of the inter-regional military command of East Indonesia in Makassar officially announced the Manado report but declined to give any further comment.

WORLAD

The deserting company was identified as belonging to the Army's 702nd Battalion. The battalion, renowned under the name of "Worldad" rendered great services to the Indonesian Republic in spearheading the occupation of South Celebes any later in the operations against the self-styled Republic of South Moluccas.

They left a note to their battalion commander saying they were deserting because they did not approve the policy of the North Celebes Military Commander, Lieut-Colonel J. Somba in supporting the Revolutionary Government in Central Sumatra.

The soldiers further said, the report added, they did not want to be dragged into a plot "betraying" the Chief of State and the "illegal" Government of Indonesia.—United Press.

CIVIL SUIT AGAINST FAROUK

Rome, Feb. 23.

Ex-King Farouk of Egypt is scheduled to face a civil suit here soon on charges that he failed to pay a famous Roman jeweller for two "extremely valuable" snuff boxes that once belonged to Frederick the Great of Prussia.

The suit is being brought against Farouk in the Civil Tribunal by the firm of Giorgio L. S. Bulgari, Florence's most exclusive jeweller.

The firm is charging that Farouk ordered the two jewelled, engraved, gold snuff boxes while he was still reigning in Cairo, an initial payment was made, but the remainder amount to "tens of millions of lire" was not, Bulgari alleged.

Farouk, in an earlier declaration to the Magistrate, claimed that the snuff boxes, and the rest of his jewellery, were seized by the revolutionary Egyptian Government after he abdicated in 1952 and that he is not responsible for non-payment. The date of the trial has not yet been fixed.—United Press.

Bus Plunges Into Ravine

Oslo, Feb. 23.

Three passengers were killed and several others seriously injured when a Swedish bus carrying 32 passengers fell nearly 100 feet into a ravine near Minnesund, Norway, this afternoon. The seriously injured were rushed urgently to hospital.

Reports said the Swedish bus was travelling along a narrow road when it tried to pass a truck on a narrow road.—France-Press.

Chicken's Feet

New York, Feb. 23.

Trucks like these made by chicken's feet have been found and photographed at the bottom of the ocean near the North Pole, the University of Columbia expedition reported today.

Photographs taken on the ocean bed at a depth of 2,000 metres disclosed these "footprints," the expedition said, but was unable to explain how or why these tracks were made.—France-Press.

CHURCHILL HAS NO DOCTORS IN ATTENDANCE

Monaco, Feb. 23.

Sir Winston Churchill has so successfully recovered from his attack of pleurisy and pneumonia today, that for the first time since he fell ill early last week, there was no doctor in attendance this afternoon.

This morning the arrival of an unidentified visitor at the Villa La Pausa, where Churchill is staying, set off rumours of a relapse until it was discovered that he was a laboratory assistant from Nice.

Analyses

The 83-year-old British wartime leader had undergone a series of tests and analyses and the official health bulletin said he was making satisfactory progress.

This afternoon, Lady Churchill, her daughter Sarah and Dr Moran, Sir Winston's personal physician, went to nearby Menton to watch a local festival. And Dr David M. Roberts left the villa too.

Churchill spent the morning reading the papers and was said to be greatly surprised at the importance the world press gave his illness. He also received a number of telegrams from French President Rene Coty and Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia.

Hesitated

His secretary, Montagu Brown, hesitated a split second during the press conference he gave today, when asked if an electro-cardiogram had been used. He finally said that as usual, he would not answer purely medical questions. Churchill is well-known as a patient. He follows Lord Moran's orders grumblingly. France-Press.

Motion Pictures

Washington, Feb. 23.

Eric Johnston, President of the Motion Picture Association of America, said today negotiations with Russia would begin next month on an exchange of motion pictures.—United Press.

CAT'S SPECIAL TREATMENT

London, Feb. 23.

"Tabby," a black and white house cat, is a passenger singled out for special treatment aboard the 7,731-ton British steamer Benbow en route to Singapore.

The pet of Mrs John Cowie, wife of a British Admiralty employee, "Tabby" is travelling alone en-route to join her mistress.

For her fare of just under £14 "Tabby" will have her quarters in the ship's sick bay — not because she's sick, but because skipper D. B. Anderson breeds bulldozers in his cabin.

The ship sails from here today after calling in en-route at Rosyth in Scotland.—United Press.

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COMMUNISTS CLASH WITH 'NEW NAZIS' RIOTING IN ROME: 3 HURT

Explorer's Radio Comes To Life Again

Rome, Feb. 23.
Signals from the American
satellite Explorer, operating
on a frequency of
108.03 megacycles, were
picked up today by the
Rome Centro di Radio
Studios and Tests.

The radio transmitter using
this frequency was officially
reported to have ceased opera-
tion 12 days ago when its
batteries ran down.

The signals from the trans-
mitter, earlier reported to have
stopped, were heard five times
today as the satellite related
about the earth.

Experts at the centre were
much surprised to hear the
signals begin again, but were
quite certain that it was the
108.03 megacycle transmitter.
The only explanation they could
offer for the renewal of the
signals was the possibility of
"automatic recharging" of the
mercury batteries on which the
transmitter was operating.

They thought this pheno-
menon, though perfectly possible
with this type of battery, would
last for a short time only.

The centre, situated seven
kilometres from Rome, has fol-
lowed the progress of the
"Explorer" since it was launched
last February 1. The trans-
mitter in question ceased on
February 11. —France-Press.

Role Of The Press In Unity Of Europe

Vienna, Feb. 23.
Fifty delegates from 14
countries today attended
the first session of a
European newspaper con-
ference.

Journalists, newspaper pro-
prietors and representatives of
international organisations, in-
cluding the Council of Europe
and the Organisation for
European Economic Co-operation
(OEEC), were among the dele-
gates.

The conference is a further
step towards the establishment
of an "Institute of Europe"
to seek European unification, which
was proposed nearly two years
ago by the Mayor of Vienna,
Herr Franz Jonas.

During the conference, which
will last a week, delegates will
discuss the role of the press "in
the services of the unity of
Europe." —Reuter.

"WHO CAN STOP THIS UNION?"

Lahore, Feb. 23.
Pakistan Premier, Malik
Feroz Khan Noon, today wel-
comed the union of Egypt and
Syria and said that Pakistan
was bound to give it recogni-
tion.

He pointed out that 10 per
cent of the people of the two
countries voted for it "who can
stop this union?"

The Premier who is on a short
visit here from Karachi, also
welcomed the union of Iraq and
Jordan. He is to preside at an
important food conference here
tomorrow. —France-Press.

RIOTS IN BAGDAD, REPORTS MOSCOW

London, Feb. 23.
Radio Moscow tonight
reported mass rioting in
Bagdad and other Iraqi
towns to protest the
nation's membership in the
Bagdad Pact and celebrate
the birth of the Syrian-
Egyptian United Arab
Republic.

The Arabic language
broadcast from the Russian
capital said Iraqi police
charged the demonstrators
"killing and wounding a
number of people." No
figures were given.

"Hundreds" of others
were said arrested.
The report said demon-
strators carried placards
saying "Long Live The
United Arab Republic" and
"Down With The Bagdad
Pact."

Police and other security
forces were reported called
out in numbers to quell
the demonstrations. —
United Press.

Crowd Enraged By Fascist Salute At Parade

Rome, Feb. 23.
Hundreds of police charged with riot clubs
today to break up clashes between
Communists and Neo-Fascists during
a mass demonstration on the Rome
Square where Benito Mussolini once
harranged his followers.

The fighting broke out as 40,000 persons crowded
the Plaza Venezia for a ceremony honouring
Italy's wartime anti-Fascist partisans before
the ornate tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

One Neo-Fascist Member of Parliament was
seriously injured and another Deputy hurt
when former Resistance fighters attacked
them for giving Fascist salutes and shouting
Fascist slogans. A police officer also was
injured.

Not police waded in with
swinging clubs to break up
scattered fights in the square.
They detained some 30 persons
for questioning.

The clashes began following
a military parade that honoured
both Communist and non-
Communist partisans of World
War II.

Premier Adone Zoli had just
finished speaking on the steps
of the Victor Emmanuel Monu-
ment when Deputy Nine de
Totto, a member of the Neo-
Fascist MSI party, pushed his
way to the front of the crowd.

De Totto, who has a
wooden right arm, raised his
left arm stiffly in the Fascist
salute while dignitaries on
the speakers' stand watched in
shocked silence.

Former partisans in the
crowd around de Totto im-
mediately grabbed the Deputy,
pulled him down and began
slugging him.

Bloodied

Police pushed through the
throng and rescued the bloodied
de Totto, but not before he
received such a beating that
doctors said it would take him
almost a month to recover.

De Totto, 33, claimed later he
was rendering a salute to the
tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and not in
disrespect for the anti-Fascist
partisans of the speakers' stand.

Another clash broke out when
Giorgio Almirante, a Neo-
Fascist deputy and secretary of
the MSI party, shouted "Long
Live the Republic of Salò"—
Mussolini's last Fascist govern-
ment—and "Down with the
Resistance."

Former Resistance fighters
attacked him, too, injuring him
before police could break up
the melee. —United Press.

Unemployment In The US: Tax Cut Considered?

Washington, Feb. 23.

The Labour Secretary James P. Mitchell said today
he believed the Administration would recom-
mend a tax cut if unemployment continues to
rise next month.

He said he would favour a
tax cut under such cir-
cumstances. He added that
this view was the consensus of
opinion of all members of
President Eisenhower's Cabinet.

Simultaneously, the Treasury
Secretary, Robert B. Anderson,
the President's top adviser on
tax legislation, said the
Treasury had the question of a
tax cut "under constant study
and review."

But he said he had not yet
prepared any "package" propo-
sal for a tax reduction.

TOTAL OUTPUT

The statements by Mr Mit-
chell and Mr Anderson came as
the Commerce Department re-
ported that the value of the
production of goods and ser-
vices dropped nearly two per
cent in the last three months
of 1957.

But the Department said the
total output for the full year—the
so-called gross national
product—reached a record
\$434,500,000,000. This was five
per cent higher than in 1956.

Both Mr Anderson and Mr
Mitchell cited what they called
"reasonable grounds" or "en-
couraging things in the
economy" as justification for
the optimistic business predic-
tions of the President and his
top advisers.

Mr Mitchell said on the CBS
television programme, "Face the
Nation," that he was confident
that unemployment would begin
to decline next month and that
the entire economy would begin
an upswing in mid-summer.

He said he would regard a
failure of unemployment to de-
cline in March as the signal for
further Administration propo-
sals for ending the business
slump.

He said he believed one of
the Administration's "immediate
measures would be for a tax
cut." He declined to say just
what sort of reduction he
favoured but said any cut
should "place additional pur-
chasing power" in the hands of
the public. —United Press.

European Free Trade Zone Discussed

Washington, Feb. 23.
The European free trade zone
and common market area
was one of the important
subjects discussed during
the visit here last week of
Sir Paul Gore-Booth of the
British Foreign Office and
Treasury experts Sir Leslie
Rowan and Sir Edwin Hall,
it was learned today.

Officials said it was not an
official mission. Sir Paul had
wanted to come here for some
months as he is under-
secretary for economic affairs
and head of the American desk
at the Foreign Office.

They said he found that Sir
Leslie Rowan was about to
make the first of his two annual
visits here and it was con-
venient for him to accompany
him.

Officials said that Sir Paul, in
the course of his talks with
State Department officials, had
again expressed the British
desire for more liberal trade
with China.

But he did not ask for any
new revision of the COCOM
China list. There is no ques-
tion of the United States further
revision of the list since it has
not been officially asked for.

Officials said that Sir Paul in
his talks with the deputy
Under-Secretary of State for
Economic Affairs, C. Douglas
Dillon and other State Depart-
ment officials, informally sug-
gested that United States good
offices would be appreciated to
bring about an agreement of a
European free trade area with
the common market. —United
Press.

LAST-MINUTE SWITCH IN CONCERT PROGRAMME

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.
Emil Gilels, prominent Rus-
sian pianist, played a
Beethoven Concerto with the
Philadelphia Orchestra last
night without a re-
hearsal after changing his
programme because of a
back ailment.

Gilels, the first prominent
Soviet musician to part the
Iron Curtain, played Beetho-
ven's Fourth Piano Concerto
in G-Major with the Orchestra
at an afternoon concert in the
Academy of Music here last
Friday.

He was to have repeated the
same programme at last night's
concert.

Saturday afternoon, Gilels
complained of a back ailment
which his interpreter described
as sciatica. He asked the
Orchestra to switch to Beetho-
ven's Third Piano Concerto in
C-Minor because he felt it
would be less taxing.

The Orchestra agreed im-
mediately and the altered
concert went on without a re-
hearsal or practice session of
any kind.

Gilels was the first Soviet
musician to appear in the
United States since Russia
decided to permit its artists to
visit the Western world.

He made his American debut
in the same concert hall here
with the Philadelphia Orchestra
in 1925, the first appearance
of a Russian musician here in
24 years. —United Press.

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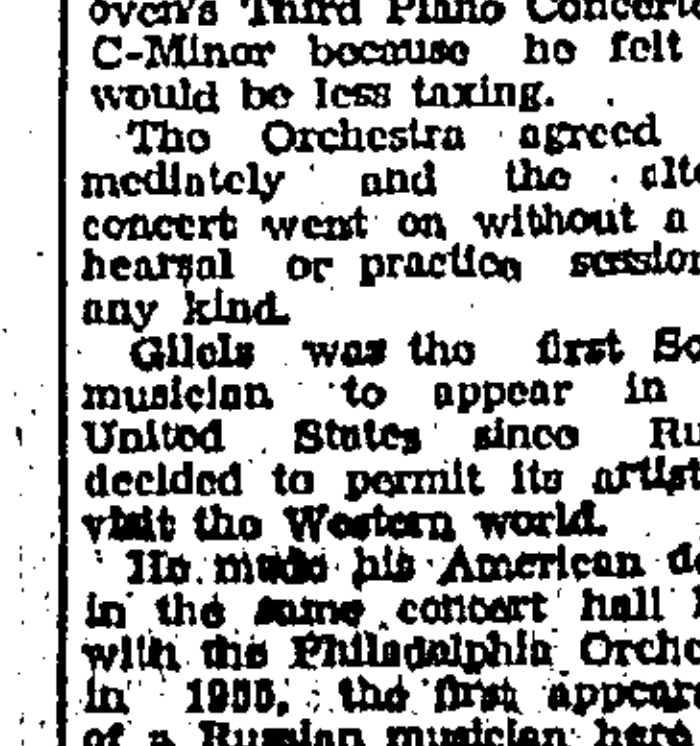
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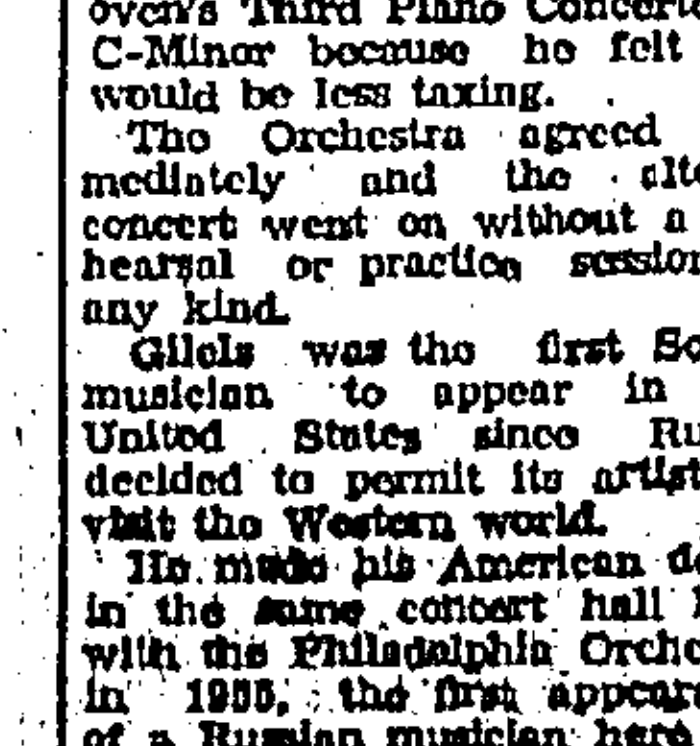
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CABLE BRIEFS

Darien, Feb. 23. Manuel Maderaz, arrested for doing 80 miles an hour on the Connecticut Turnpike, today told police he "wanted to get home fast before the pizza pie he was carrying got cold."—United Press.

Knoxville, Feb. 23. The city dump smelled just lovely today to many residents. Federal agents had wet it down with 800 gallons of confiscated moonshine.—United Press.

San Jose, Feb. 23. It was out of the frying pan into the fire for the Star and Bar Service Station here. On Thursday, two thugs held up the place but the attendant locked himself in an office and phoned the police.

Yesterday, two other bandits dropped in and made off with US\$800.—United Press.

Nashville, Feb. 23. An urgent call for the largest wrecker in town was sent to police headquarters here after a tractor-trailer was involved in a minor accident.

The trailer's cargo was two one-ton elephants.—United Press.

Boston, Feb. 23. Tax collector John Barker was told today he may purchase, when he retires this year, the bicycle he has been riding on his rounds for 15 years. The price: 14 cents.—United Press.

Anthus, Feb. 23. Tager Hunsen's bid of one krone for a miscellaneous box of junk at an auction yesterday turned out to be the luckiest he's ever made.

Included in the junk was a bank pass book with 268 kroner (US\$33) inside a complete dinner service for 18 persons, a large Danish bag and dozens of wineglasses.—United Press.

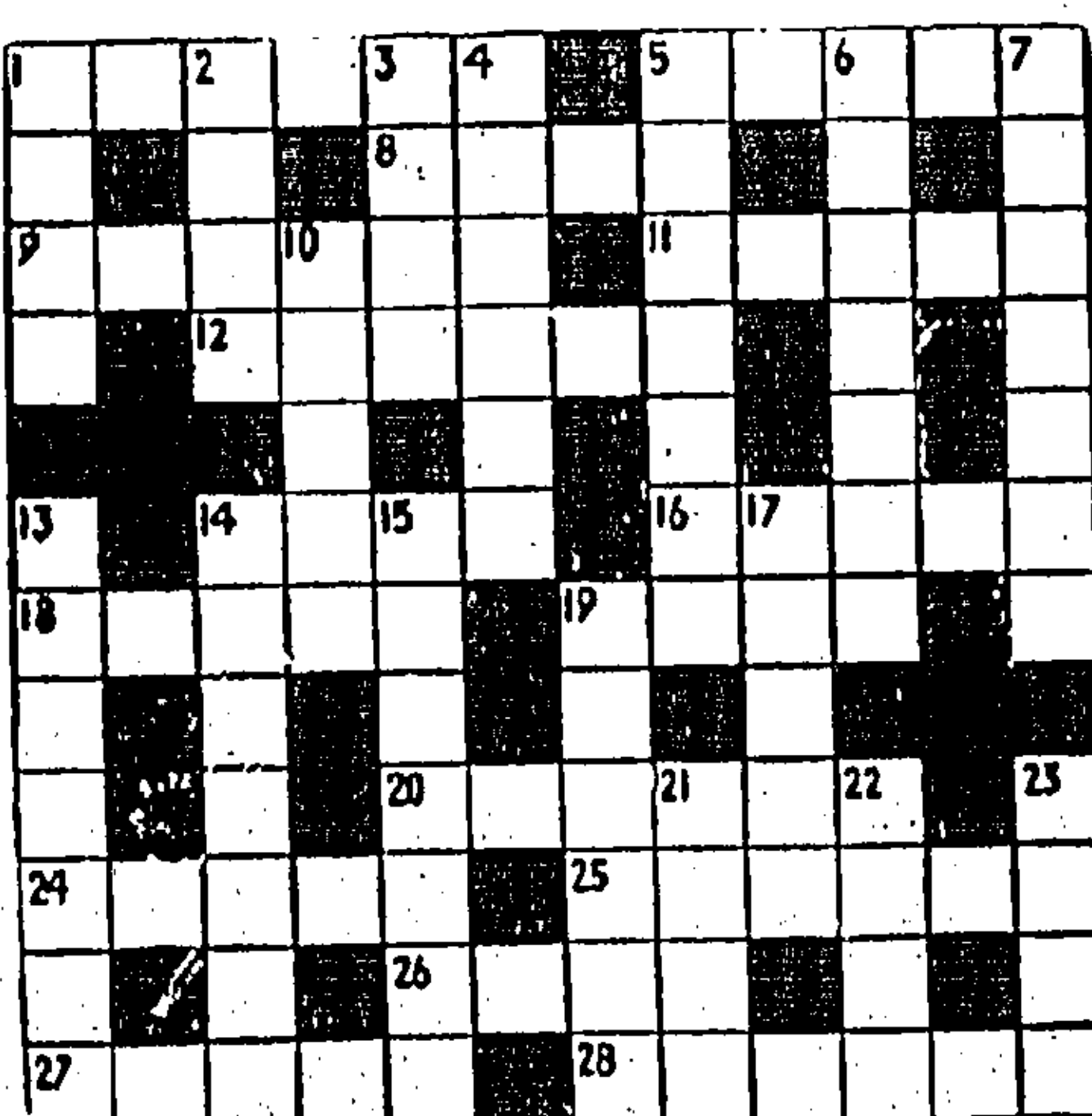
WAS MOLOTOV AMONG THE GUESTS?

Moscow, Feb. 23. The Soviet news agency made no mention of Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Ambassador in Outer Mongolia, in a list of persons attending a Soviet Embassy reception at Ulaan Bator, Mongolian capital, today.

Molotov was named Ambassador in Ulaan Bator after being dismissed from his government and Communist Party posts last July for "anti-party" activities.

The reception was given by the Soviet Embassy on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Soviet armed forces.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Largo wave (6).
- 5 Sheep boredom (5).
- 8 Principal pipe (4).
- 9 Telephone vulgarly (10).
- 11 Kept in (5).
- 12 Quotation for carrying coal? (8).
- 14 Indistinct impression (4).
- 16 Figure (5).
- 18 City ahead of all others? (5).
- 20 Spot of dry land (4).
- 24 "They leave the stage" (6).
- 25 Carry shoulder high (5).
- 26 Constable, for instance (8).
- 28 They easily get out of hand (4).
- 27 Made to fit better (5).
- 28 Bar or car (6).

DOWN

- 1 Young Robert's your uncle (4).
- 2 Carry off the swag (4).
- 3 Sign me on outside (4).
- 4 Screw, to the prisoner (6).
- 5 Absorb (7).
- 6 Does it take place at the end of the fishing season? (3, 4).
- 7 Put in for fresh supplies (7).
- 10 Kent, for instance, has this (5).
- 13 Suitable name for a white woman? (7).
- 14 They have no choice, we're told (7).
- 15 Worked in a cinema? (7).
- 17 Horticultural machinery? (7).
- 18 Not necessarily (5).
- 19 In about to trade in things that are perfect (6).
- 21 Major, maybe, in the heavens (4).
- 22 President of Yugoslavia (4).
- 23 Modern gun (4).

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION—Across: 1 Valot, 4 Barbéd, 5 Pencil, 10 Mini-go, 12 Misery, 14 Disent, 17 Bale, 18 Coroner, 20 Monitor, 22 End, 23 Library, 27 Meander, 29 Ombré, 30 Supple, 31 She-fox, 32 Emenda Down, 1 Vapid, 2 Larke, 3 Thorne, 5 Acme, 6 Bunyan, 7 Drover, 9 Lincoln, 11 Abour, 13 S-Tories, 15 Icon, 16 Spider, 18 Leer, 20 Melons, 21 Nimble, 22 Bruto, 23 Ample, 28 Yield, 28 Aero.

"MODERN ARMS ARE THE MOST TERRIBLE OF ALL TIMES"

We Want Peace: Khrushchev

Anniversary Of Soviet Army And Navy

Moscow, Feb. 23.

Mr Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Communist Party chief, said tonight Russia wanted peace so that the peoples of the world could live without fear.

"We want peace not only for ourselves," he declared. "We want peace for all nations, for the world, to live without fear, to live in friendship, to develop a competition based only upon peaceful conditions between nations and in peaceful business."

Russia was arming, "but we do not wish these arms ever to be used because modern weapons are the most terrible weapons of all times."

He told a reception held to mark the 40th anniversary of the Soviet Army and Navy: "There have never before been weapons like those with which armies are now being equipped."

"We are doing everything to strengthen our army morally, spiritually and materially and to equip it with the most modern weapons."

Those present included the Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, and other members of the Soviet Government, Army and Navy officers, and members of the diplomatic corps.

Mr Khrushchev said: "The Napoleon says that every soldier carries a

marshal's baton in his knapsack was but a saying, but our generals and our marshals have no such role from private or worker to marshal and general."

"We are proud of our Army and it has affectionately repaid the people for the love which our people have for it."

'Never Before'

"We are arming our Army but we do not wish these arms ever to be used, because modern weapons are the most terrible weapons of all times."

"There have never before been weapons like those with which armies are now being equipped."

"We desire peace—peace not only for ourselves but for all peoples, peace so as to live without fear."

Marshal Rodion Malinovsky, Soviet Defence Minister, said:

"We soldiers always remember with pleasure the times when friendship ruled among us, when there was a complete mutual understanding."

"We remember how we were fighting together against our common foe. It seems to me that the soldiers of our armies have preserved these good feelings also now."

"Let us hope that these good feelings between soldiers of our armies will overcome all adversity and will triumph also in the relations between our countries."

"We are fully aware that we must be a modern armed force, strong and equipped with the most modern technical means, in order to serve our Soviet State which is defending peace among the peoples of the whole world."—Reuter.

CONTROL SHIPS TO TRACK MISSILES

Washington, Feb. 23.

The American Navy will shortly put into commission five additional control ships to be stationed along the launching track of ballistic missiles in the South Atlantic.

This flight track extends from Cape Canaveral, Florida, to the Ascension Islands in the South Atlantic.

The five ships for recording the missile's passage will be attached to the Chagarmad base in Trinidad.—France-Press.

Plenary Session

Warsaw, Feb. 23.

The 11th plenary session of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers (Communist) Party will open in Warsaw next Wednesday or Thursday, informed sources said today.—France-Press.

Bishop On Trial

'DEFAMED GROCER AND HIS CIVIL-WED WIFE'

Prato, Feb. 23.

MONSIGNOR Pietro Floridelli, powerful Roman Catholic bishop of this northern city, today asked for prayers of support on the eve of his appearance before an Italian court on charges he defamed a "free-thinking" grocer and his civil-wed wife.

The case, which opens before a civil court in nearby Florence tomorrow, has far-reaching consequences in view of the forthcoming general elections, growing anti-clericalism in Italy and the very status of the 1929 Lateran pacts which regulate relations between the Vatican and the Republic.

Monsignor Floridelli and parish priest Don Danilo Ajani face trial on charges of "defame-

tion" because they publicly branded grocer Mauro Bellandi, 32, and 25-year-old Loriana Nimalati for marrying outside the Church, although both were Catholic-born.

The bishop and the priest said the civil marriage rite left the couple "public concubines" and "public sinners" in the eyes of the Church.

The Bellandis asked for prosecution of the bishop and the priest on grounds of defamation of character, a criminal offence that can bring up to nine years imprisonment or fine.

Few legal experts, however, expected any such severe sentence, if the bishop and the priest are found guilty. Most experts were anticipating a postponement of the case soon after it opens tomorrow.—United Press.

I'm So Happy In Moscow!

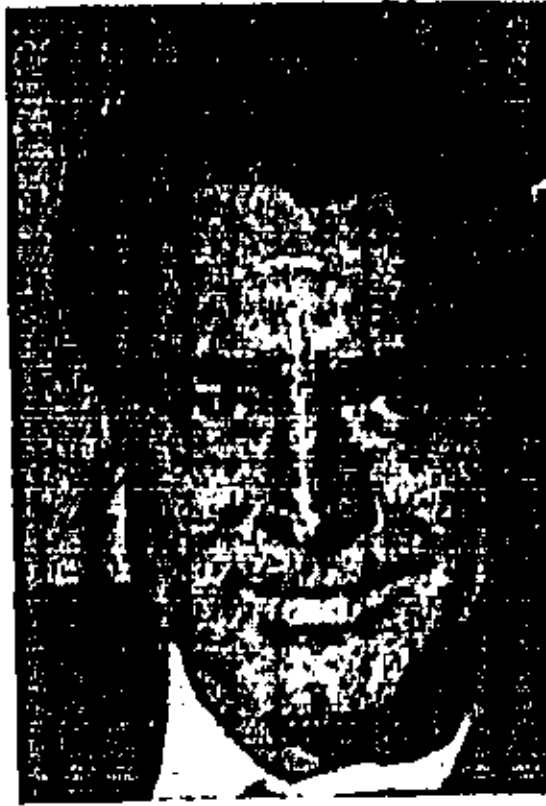
Moscow, Feb. 23.

MOVIE actor Cary Grant today described this Russian capital as the Hollywood stars' perfect haven of refuge from publicity.

The tall, greying actor said "for the first time in 25 years of movie-making, I can walk along a street and nobody disturbs me."

Cary arrived here last Friday to spend a few days with a friend, producer Sam Spiegel, and do the usual tourist sights of the Soviet capital. These included the Kremlin, museums and churches and the Lenin Mausoleum.

"I am so happy. I can breathe here. I never felt so relaxed in my life because nobody knows me," he said.—United Press.



Cary Grant

Missiles For Britain: US To Train UK Technicians

Washington, Feb. 23.

British technicians are expected to start arriving here soon for training in the operation of the 60 1,600-mile ballistic missiles that will be based in the British Isles, it was revealed today.

Informed sources made the disclosure on the eve of an announcement here and in London that the United States and Britain have reached agreement on terms for the construction of four missile launching bases in England and Scotland.

The details of the agreement were leaked to newsmen here during the weekend. Under terms of the agreement, this country will equip the four bases—three in England and one in Scotland—with 60 Thor intermediate range ballistic missiles capable of striking deep behind the Iron Curtain.

Officials at first said two of the bases would be armed with the Army's Jupiter intermediate range missiles and two with the Air Force's Thor. But they later said that all four bases would be equipped with the Thors.

Under terms of the agreement, the four bases will be manned by British servicemen. Officials here said this country will not delay in training these men on the know-how of missile launching.

MAIN CENTRE

It was understood that the British technicians would receive the necessary training at Cape Canaveral, Florida, now the nation's main missile testing centre, or at Camp Cooke, California.

The agreement, which took months to negotiate, was expected in London to provoke an avalanche of criticism by the Socialist Opposition against the Conservative government of British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

Labour Party leaders have urged a "go slow" attitude on basing missiles in Britain in hopes that an East-West summit conference would end the arms race and make such a step unnecessary.

Under the agreement, Britain will pay the estimated 50 million dollar cost of constructing the bases. The U.S. will pay more—how much has not been disclosed—for the missiles, the nuclear warheads and the launching equipments.

Each country would have a mutual veto power over the actual launching of the missile.—United Press.

NEWSPAPER GETS A SOVIET GOVT. NOTE

Dublin, Feb. 23.

A Dublin newspaper got what appeared to be a letter from the Soviet Government today—without asking for it.

A letter printed in the Sunday Independent and signed "L. P. Ilyichev" called on Ireland to support the Soviet initiative for peace in the world.

The letter said that Ireland could give the other countries of the Western world a lead by calling for the removal of all military bases on the continent of Europe.

The paper said in a footnote that the letter seemed to have been forwarded by the Soviet Embassy in London. Ireland has no diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

Leonid P. Ilyichev is press chief of the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

"The letter said it was in answer to our query," a spokesman for the paper said. "But we never sent any query. Why should we ask Moscow anything?"

In London a spokesman at the Soviet Embassy said he knew nothing about any letter from Ilyichev to Dublin or anywhere else.—United Press.

Crown Prince

Cairo, Feb. 23.

Crown Prince el Badr of the Yemen is expected here within the next few days to discuss his country's merger with the newly created United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria.—Reuter.

TUNISIA: TOP-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS HELD IN LONDON

London, Feb. 23.

Top-level Anglo-American consultations on the Franco-Tunisian dispute were held here tonight at a dinner given by Mr Harold Macmillan, the British Prime Minister.

Mr Macmillan conferred with Mr Robert Murphy, United States representative in the Franco-Tunisian dispute.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the British Foreign Secretary, and Mr John Hay Whitney, the United States Ambassador, were other guests at the dinner.

Mr Murphy flew here from Washington on Saturday for preparatory talks before going to Paris, probably tomorrow, and later to Tunis.

He is exercising his government's "good offices" in the dispute which flared up after the French bombing of the Tunisian border village of Sidiel.

SEPARATE TALKS

Mr Murphy, a deputy under-secretary in the State Department, this morning had separate talks with the Tunisian and French Ambassadors to Britain, Mr Taleb Slim and M. Jean Chauvel, respectively.

The American diplomat has already consulted twice with Mr Harold Beley, British Foreign Office assistant under-secretary, who has been appointed to exercise Britain's "good offices" in the dispute.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office has summoned the British Ambassadors in Paris and Tunis, Sir Gladwyn Jebb and Mr Angus Malcolm, to return to London this week to give first hand reports on the situation.

Both Mr Macmillan and Mr Murphy have personal knowledge of North Africa where they served together as political advisers to President (then General) Eisenhower during the Second World War.—Reuter.

Successor To Stassen?

United Nations, Feb. 23. Deputy American delegate to the United Nations, James Wadsworth, told television viewers today that he had been considered for Harold Stassen's job as presidential disarmament assistant but refused to comment on reports that he would be named for the post shortly.

Stassen resigned earlier this month to run for the governorship of Pennsylvania on the Republican ticket.

Wadsworth said during the television interview that he was convinced that disarmament talks with the Soviet Union would resume in one way or another.—France-Press.

THE QUEEN MOTHER ON TOUR

Memories Of 1927

Visit Recalled

Sydney, Feb. 23.

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, today planted an Australian Silky Oak in the gardens of Government House to commemorate her "Moot the People" tour of Australia.

She then made an unscheduled tour of Sydney Harbour in the Royal barge and was greeted by cheers from people on the shore and in hundreds of pleasure craft dotting the harbour.

The barge called at Admiralty House where she stayed as the Duchess of York during her 1927 Australian tour.

Thousands of people lined the streets to welcome the Queen Mother as she drove from Government House to St Andrew's Anglican cathedral this morning. The service was broadcast to thousands standing outside.

At lunch and dinner, the Queen Mother entertained several Sydney people, including religious, civic and local government leaders.—Reuter.

Chinese Envoy

Tokyo, Feb. 24.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung of China has appointed Chen Chikang as Chinese Ambassador to the newly federated United Arab Republic, the New China News Agency reported today.

The appointment, however, was merely a shift of Chen's post, which was that of Chinese Ambassador to Egypt and concurrent Ambassador to Syria to that of envoy to UAR.—United Press.

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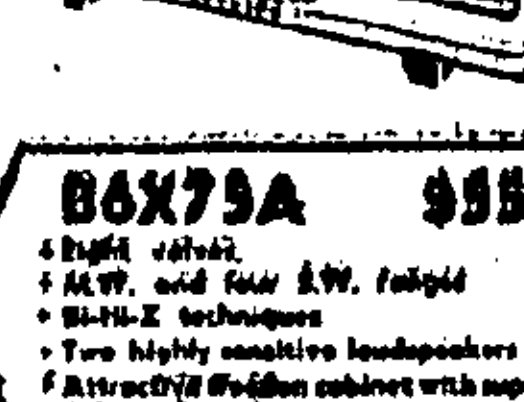
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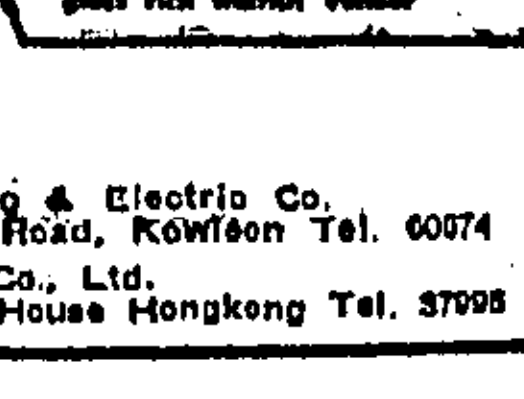
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FRESH OUT OF DARTMOOR THE MAN IN THE SETTY CASE THROWS FRESH LIGHT ON THE CENTURY'S HAUNTING MURDER RIDDLE

I can now disclose the missing link in the case of Timothy Evans

PREFACE by London Crime Reporter PERCY HOSKINS: The facts below, given to me by Brian Donald Hume, just released from Dartmoor after serving eight years for being an accessory to the murder of car dealer Stanley Setty, throw considerable light on the classic Christie-Evans controversy. This revolves round the million-to-one theory accepted by the Crown that two stranglers lived at the same time in Christie's macabre house in Notting Hill. The one unexplained factor has always been the sudden retraction by Evans of his thrice-repeated confession of the murder of his wife and child. Now Hume reveals what happened when he was with Evans for 12 days in Brixton Jail.

by DONALD HUME

YES, I told Timothy Evans, "Don't stick your head in a noose."

I thought he was stupid to have made all those confessions to the police. I told him to admit nothing in court, to think out his best story and stick to it.

I helped him to sort out his defence story the day before he went before the magistrates.

We met in the hospital ward at the Brixton gaol. I was awaiting trial on the Stanley Setty murder and he was brought there having given himself up to the police.

As far as I remember there were about 24 of us in the ward, all on capital charges or attempted murder or attempted suicide.

I remember the day they first brought him

in. I put him down as a flash boy—he was wearing high buckled shoes, a camel-hair coat.

He took the next bed to me in the corner. On that first day we didn't talk much. A bloke doesn't when he first comes in; until the first shock wears off he usually keeps to himself.

But there wasn't much to do in the ward except cleaning the floor and making the beds and half an hour's exercise twice a day—and in the end you start talking about your case to someone.

He came up to me on the second day and said: "You're Hume, aren't you? Someone in my case [it turned out to be Christie, for cuttings of the Setty case were found at Rillington Place] collects cuttings on your affair."

Then he started talking about his case and what chances he'd got. He said he was all right because he'd got a policeman to alibi for him. (This turned out to be Christie, who had been a special constable. But at the trial Christie gave evidence for the prosecution.)

Then, when he said he'd made two or three confessions I told him what a fool he was to confess. "I've got my own worries," I said, "but I've not got half so

many as you. I've told one story and I'm sticking to it."

Talking to Evans I soon decided to myself: "He's a bit of an idiot this boy. He needs some advice."

I kept telling him to pick out the best story for the job and stick to it like I had. "Blame everyone but yourself," I said, and I told him to spend some time in bed at nights thinking it out before it was too late.

A couple of days before he was due at the magistrates' court he asked if he could walk round with me on exercise.

He said: "I've been thinking about what you said about sorting out a defence story. Will you give me a hand?"

He told me the garbled tales he'd told the police. I said: "Now, look, I suppose you knocked the missus off. I suppose yours is the same sort of innocence as anyone in here."

He said: "No, I didn't knock the wife off—he was most sympathetic. He told me that when he and his wife went to live at Rillington Place Christie came to an arrangement with his wife, and that Christie had murdered her."

I was there

Then he told me about the child. He said: "It was because the kid kept on crying."

I said: "So you did it?" He said: "No, but I was there while it was done." He told me that he and Christie had gone into the bedroom together, that Christie had strangled the kid with a bit of rag while he stood and watched.

I told him that if he didn't want to go through a hole in the floor with a collar on at Pentonville he'd better get his story watertight.

I told him that otherwise he was only making things difficult for his defending counsel.

Unable to read

AFTER the magistrates' hearing I gave him a bit more advice. He came back to the ward and asked me to read the newspaper reports of the hearing.

It was then I learned for the first time that he couldn't read—he'd been trying to keep it quiet.

I told him he was silly not to have told me before. He could have used that to revoke the statements he had made.

He could have said that the story he had for the court was different from other statements he had made because he couldn't read what the police got down from him.

This was the last advice I gave him. "When you go to the Old Bailey tell them that. And make out you're a lot dumber than you are."

At that time I didn't really believe all he told me—particularly that bit about Christie strangling the kid.

The last time I saw him was on the last day of his trial at the Bailey. I went into Number One Court as he was coming from the dock.

I said: "Any chance?" He shook his head.

I told most of this to prison officers at Wakefield Gaol, where I began my 12-year sentence. Later at the time of the Scott Henderson inquiry I was asked to give evidence but refused.

I talked about it first when the principal officer took me in for my first interview with the house master, a man called Rearden, in charge of the wing.

When I heard in gaol that Christie was up for murder and

had confessed to murdering Evans's wife, I remember mentioning to the principal officer: "I told you, didn't I? It seems that Evans was telling me the truth after all."

At the time of the inquiry into the Christie-Evans case Mr Rearden, who had been promoted to deputy governor, came down to see me while I was working in the stores.

He said to me: "Regarding our conversations about Evans and Christie you have very likely read about the inquiry they are going to hold in London. I think you should put in an appearance and give evidence. You will have to petition the Home Office with what you know and ask for permission to be transferred to a London prison so that you can appear."

I refused. I said first of all, "What do I get out of it other than a bad name with the rest of the chaps here because I'll be helping the police with what I say?"

He said it was my duty as a citizen to help the inquiry, but I still refused.

I believe...

THIS is the full story of the part I played and the full story of all Evans told me. Was Evans innocent or guilty?

About the murder of his wife I would not like to say.

But I believe, after all my talks with Evans, that if he did not kill the child himself he was definitely in the room when it was done, and did nothing to stop it.

I am convinced that he and Christie together arranged to murder the child.

IN THIS EVANS WAS GUILTY.



DONALD HUME, PICTURED IN LONDON

THE CASBAH IS SO JOLLY

THE Casbah of Algiers is said to be one of the wickedest places in the world. To me it seemed one of the jolliest. It is literally thronged with children fighting, playing, dancing, staring and running, without apparently a care in the world. Indeed it looked as if it was where the piper had come out of the earth.

But apparently, harmless as it may look, it is nothing of the kind, and during the last year no less than two hundred bombs have been discovered there.

So when I visited it, it was considered necessary that I should have a military guard. I said that really I would be quite happy without one but was very sensibly told that while my death was a matter of absolute unimportance the death of a British Member of Parliament would reflect very badly on the security arrangements of Algiers.

LORD LAMBTON, MP

looks at the 'wickedest place in the world' now that the tourists are scared away...

Having no answer to this piece of Gallic logic I agreed and our party was made up of myself, the guide, the captain of the military of the Casbah, three young soldiers who never took their tommyguns off my back, a sinister nobody, and at times an exceedingly fat Libyan whose role I never discovered, but with whom I had one of the most unattractive conversations of my life.

He edged up to me and pointed at a little boy, saying "Child." "Yes," I said. He then advised me, in broken English, that in the event of shooting breaking out it would be a wise move to seize a nearby child as "they would not want to kill their own children."

UNSUCCESSFUL

Not quite knowing what to say, I made what I thought was a haughty gesture of disapproval, but it was unsuccessful. He winked at me all the morning, as though we had a secret in common.

The present moment is the best time to visit the Casbah, as it is without tourists of any sort so that nothing is faked and everything is functional.

It seemed to me so labyrinthine with its steep paths—seldom wider than three feet—and its overhanging houses that a whole arsenal could easily have been concealed. But when I suggested this to the captain he scornfully told me that everyone in the Casbah knew everything.

As there are 80,000 people there I thought that they must have a busy time keeping up with the news, but could see what he meant about the lack of privacy. Every house apparently harboured three or four families.

Our strange little caravan received many stares but no signs whatever of hostility. As we wended our way up and

down it was impossible to tell where we were. Every street seemed exactly like the last with caves every few yards, lot into the walls in which could be seen dusky young Arabs beating metal or burning nuts and then a shop or so and then another cave with an occasional glimpse into the doorway of a spottish house.

CERTAIN TRADES

In fact, but for two streets, the tour might soon have become monotonous. In medieval cities it was the habit of streets to specialise in, and be called after certain trades and so you had the Street of the Tanner, the Butcher, the Ironmonger.

With tourism and the necessity of a satisfying shop every so often, the streets broke up but now momentarily they have recaptured their utility, and with some gaudy original appearance. And so when we came to the Street of the Butchers it was without alteration or change.

We had to wade our way through carcasses and blood. The other street which we were shown to as the piece de resistance, was the Street of the Women. Along both sides of it sat the most terrible old hard-rats to each of whom the captain of the military graciously extended two fingers.

But the real noise started when our military escort appeared, the occupants of the houses all rushed out blowing kisses and waving till the street looked the end of some musical hall farce. After this spectacle we came out into the town, all shook hands like opposing cricket teams and we went out different ways.

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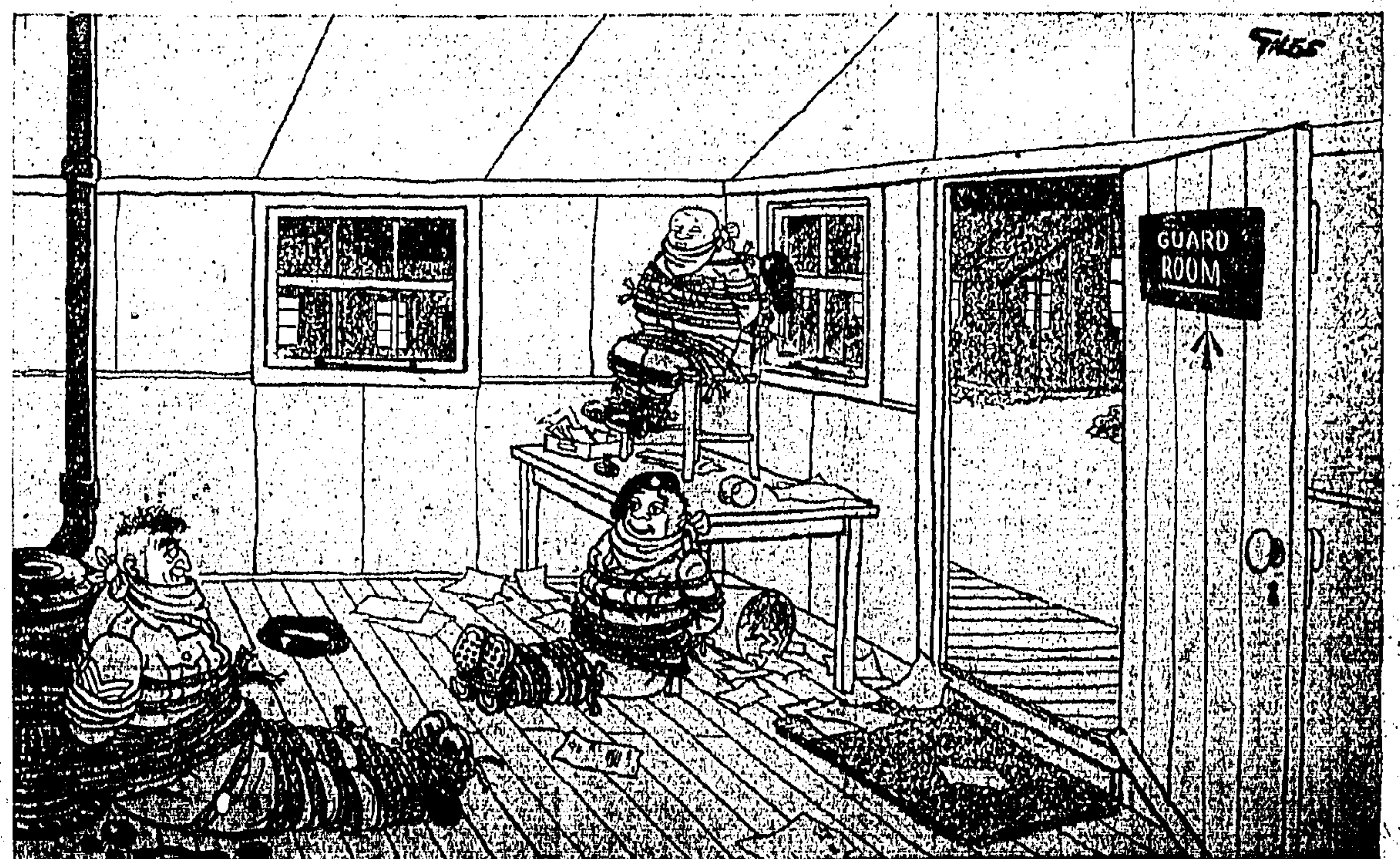
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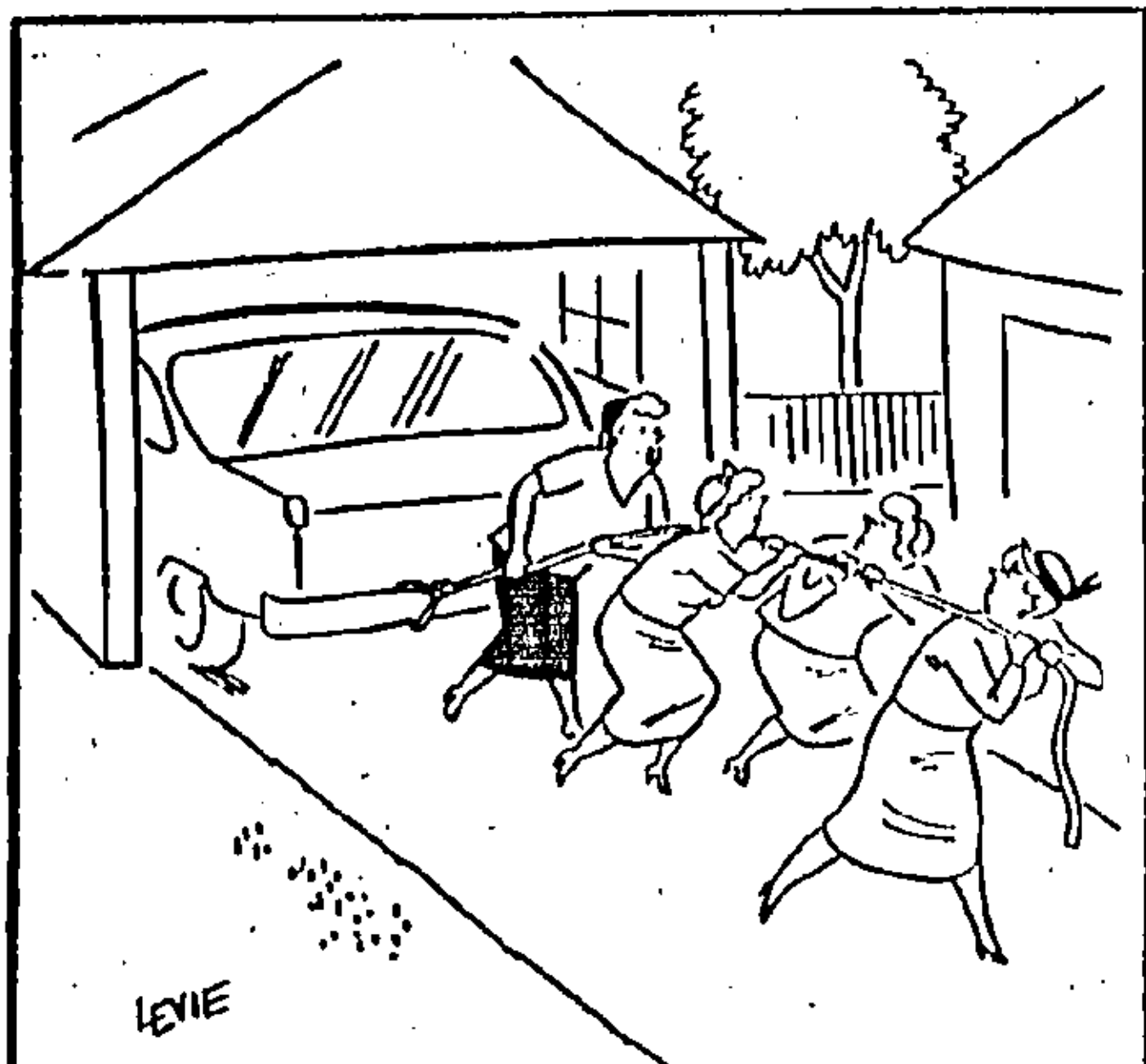
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"I appreciate your feelings, Sarge—trussed up by the I.R.A. and you with a name like Sergeant Pat O'Flanagan."

This Funny World



"Once we get it backed out I'll be smooth sailing."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE description of a dress which gives a hint of the knoop at cocktail time, is obviously the last refinement of smart living. But it must be no more than a hint: a soupcon of dimpled kneecap peeping out below the skirt.

The girl who parades a brace of bulbous kneecaps lacks that subtlety which turns the heads of the men. And kneecaps, even worn with sophistication, suggest that the wearer is hiding some blemish, a mottled kneecap, perhaps, or an unrightly pimple. Rather a jolly idea is to stain the kneecaps the same colour as the toenails.

Dagger in the Dark (2)

At Winkfield, alias Shunticourt, threaded his way through the unsavoury crowd, a solo-pang dancing girl, emerging from a horrible tavern made a signal to a Malay hunchback in a doorway, and began to follow the English agent. She failed to notice that a Chinese beggar was watching her, and kept her in sight as she slunk along. Behind him, at a safe distance, an Indian sailor walked steadily. He, in turn, was shadowed by a Portuguese cook in a check shirt and dirty dungarees, who was being unostentatiously tracked by a one-legged Arab. As this preposterous queue moved along, it was joined by several other unsightly creatures. Bringing up the rear was a Burmese fisherman, who could hardly believe his good luck when he saw that nobody was after him. At that moment a voice said in his ear, "Ooba Pawan," or words to that effect. He nodded assent.

In passing

If the Boche is really dissatisfied with the fighting value of the markedly advanced of English troops we make

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

BORN today, you probably will be wrapped in peace and quiet. These gifts may be dormant for a while, but they will be covered and developed. It is possible that your life work could be something quite far removed from the arts, although your interests in them remain constant. A successful or happy life since you have a keen sense of humour, you should make use of it. You have a sharp sense of the dramatic and might conceivably select the stage, screen, radio or television as your career. You are popular wherever you go but are a little too glib for your own best good. Loyal, straightforward and honest yourself, you expect others to be likewise. Sometimes you are too trusting until it is too late, and then you have been betrayed. There is no need for this if you will heed your intuition. You will follow first impressions rather than settling at

PIECES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — You must be thoroughly practical today, if you are to avoid possible loss in business and professional deal.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — Postpone, if you can, any major decisions or legal matters involving real estate problems. Be cogent!

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21) — Personal affairs in which you were involved from the 12th to 19th come up for decision now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — Don't take risks today. Conservative and thoughtful actions are the best all concerned. Be astute.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) — Business and romance don't mix too well today, so try to keep them in separate compartments of your life.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — You may be called upon to entertain a business friend, but don't be too disappointed if things go slightly awry.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — Partnership affairs may pose problems, but if you are wise, you can solve them without too much trouble.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — You tend to be extravagant, but it is the better part of wisdom if you can curb the impulse to spend more than is necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — Romance may come to an end today. Don't let it worry you. Look around again.

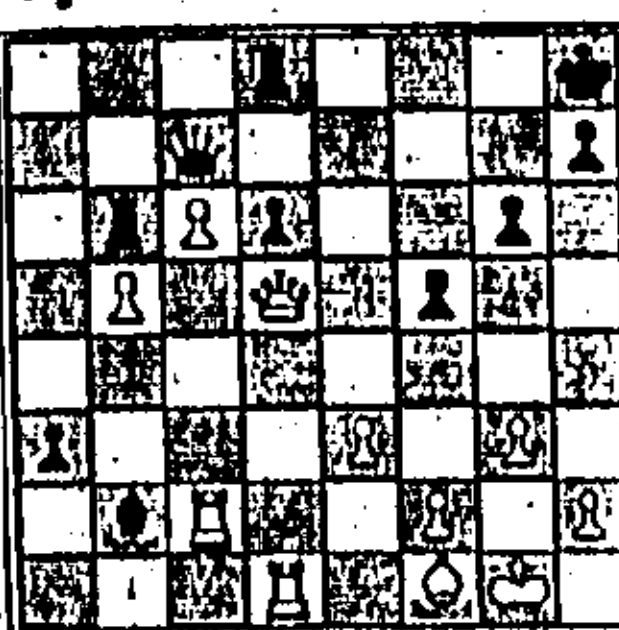
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23) — You can postpone your best interests if you attempt to combine social and professional affairs today.

Capricorn (Dec. 24-Jan. 20) — The path of true love may not always run smoothly, so when can you expect of a passing fancy? Be diplomatic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Finish up work already begun. This is not a favourable day for starting out on some new project. Postpone it.

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



From actual play: White to move and win. 1. QxP (threat 2 Kt-Q5). Kt-K2; 2. QxP or Kt-R3; 3. Q-KR, or BxQ ch; 2 Kt-B.

London Express Service

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Right Bridge Technique Pays

By OSWALD JACOBY

DICK FREEMAN of Washington, D.C., is another top player who is still well on the younger side of 30.

He took a full 10 seconds, which for him is prolonged study, before playing to trick one. Then he went up with dummy's ace of diamonds, led a heart and finessed his queen.

When that card held he played the ace of clubs and a low club and finessed dummy's nine. From then on the hand was easy. He took the king of clubs, finessed hearts a second time, played the ace of hearts and one club and wound up with three heart, four clubs and

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|------------------|--------------|----------|------|
| NORTH | | 3 | |
| ♠ A J 9 4 | | | |
| ♥ 8 6 5 | | | |
| ♦ A 6 2 | | | |
| ♣ K 9 3 | | | |
| WEST | EAST | | |
| ♥ 7 3 | ♠ K Q 10 6 | | |
| ♠ 10 8 4 | ♥ K 10 9 4 2 | | |
| ♣ Q 10 8 2 | ♦ 9 5 3 | | |
| | ♣ 8 | | |
| SOUTH (D) | | | |
| ♠ 7 5 3 | | | |
| ♥ A Q J | | | |
| ♦ K 7 | | | |
| ♣ A J 7 5 4 | | | |
| Both vulnerable | | | |
| South | West | North | East |
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass |
| 1 N.T. | Pass | 3 N.T. | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |
| Opening lead—♦ Q | | | |

the other two aces for the needed nine tricks. The king of diamonds supplied an over-trick.

Why did Dick play the hand that way? No, he had not seen the East and West cards. He simply gave it the right technical play.

He needed seven tricks in hearts and clubs. If he could get three in hearts he would only need four in clubs. Hence, he tried the heart finesse first. When it worked he needed four club tricks only. The way he played the clubs was a safety play designed to ensure four club tricks. If clubs broke three two he had no problem. If West showed out on the second club lead he would have gone up with dummy's king and led the third club from dummy.

If the heart finesse had lost Dick would have played for five club tricks by the normal method of finessing against East.

What if East held the club queen and West the heart king and West had ducked the first heart lead? Dick would have lost the hand whereas simple play would have made it. Dick was willing to pay off to that fine defence but he did not expect it.

CARD SENDS

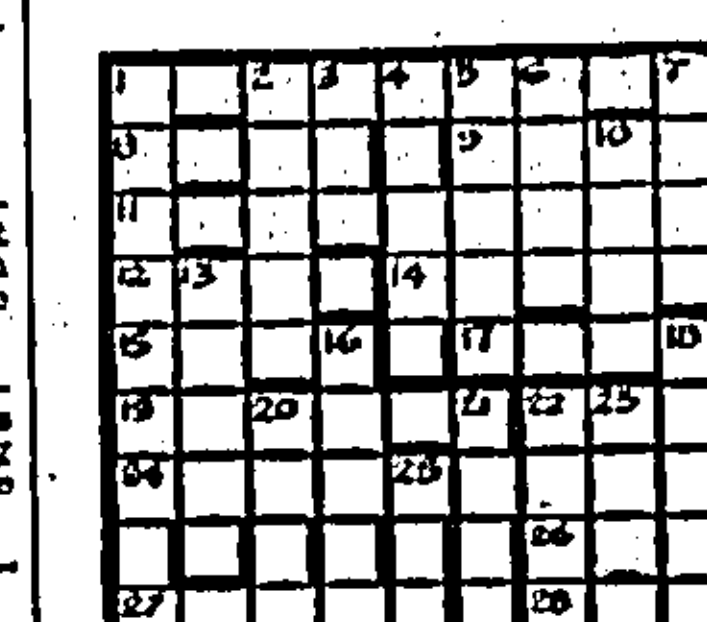
Q—The bidding has been: North—East—South—West 1 ♠ Double 7 You, South, hold: ♠ A K 7 6 5 ♦ Q 8 6 3 2 ♣ 6 5 What do you do? A—Bid four hearts. You want to try to shut the opponents out, and also there is a good chance that your partner can make the game.

TODAY'S QUESTION

West and North pass and East bids four spades. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



Across

- People of similar appellation. (9)
- Spelt. (5)
- Old Babylonian. (5)
- Island inhabited by (5)
- Low-lying southern. (5)
- Waterway. (5)
- May describe an arch. (9)
- Thin in cubes. (5)
- Decorate. (9)

Down

- Pilled with loathing. (9)
- Decorations. (9)
- Deep river. (5)
- Middle European. (5)
- Notable family name. (5)
- Wine. (5)
- Winey river. (5)
- Retort. (5)
- Metals. (5)
- Part of the ship's crew. (5)
- Provoked with. (5)
- Two of a kind. (5)
- De-masted. (5)

Saturday's Solution

WOMANSENSE

Hartnell flirts with Dracula!



BRITAIN'S MOST PUBLICISED
COUTURIER WINDS UP THE
TOP ELEVEN'S SHOW WEEK

THE man who makes those breathtaking ball-dresses for the Queen showed a collection recently that was a kaleidoscope of the London season.

Once more Hartnell's titled and privileged clients can rely on him to dress them up to the nines for the next five months. Debs and duchesses, actresses and heiresses—I could see them all floating across the lawns and through the ball-rooms in the spring sunshine and the summer showers.

But one of his star items was called "Dracula". Robb draws it, far right.

For shopping in that Knightsbridge store (that really is not in Knightsbridge at all): Suits with loose unfitted backs, longish straight skirts, hip-length jackets in navy blue, aquamarine check—only one or two black sheep.

The best of the bunch: Fringes de bois—a suit in crushed straw-wool with a fine, almost invisible, check. Its jacket, hip-length and loose and fastened with two buttons at the back.

For Asot: Lots and lots of lilac—Mr. Hartnell's favourite colour. A lilac chiffon print dress with a harem loop at the front, worn under a full-length chiffon coat. A black and apricot shirt dress with a bloused bodice and top. With it an outside Breton hat in apricot organdie. By Claude St. Cyr, worn with a tilt in true Duchess of Argyll fashion.

For that Garden Party: A floating, fluttering, appropriately impractical dress and coat in finely tucked and pleated slate blue organza. A lacy lilac dress for a lovely young looker—white basically, embroidered with lilac silk band, sleeves, and worn with a flower-shaped hat in lilac net and lilac flowers.

For the Party: A really short evening dress, straight and tight in aquamarine crepe,



BUTTON-UP: Black suit with low back buttoning jacket, and matching coat.

embroidered with paillettes, aquamarines, and emerald stones. Another in white—very twentyish, with a bloused top caught at the hips.

White fox
FOR the Ball: Aquamarine again—a straight, slinky dress, embroidered with

aquamarine paillettes, with a mermaid's tail behind. White satin embroidered with china blue, with a jacket trimmed with white fox cuffs. Another in white, embroidered with gold coin-sized rings, straight and simple, appropriately named "Bank Leak".

Other ideas that anybody could wear, even those not caught up with the duchesses and debbys—

A dog-tooth wool check suit in navy blue and white, with a blouse tying softly in a loose bow at the neck. Jus d'Orange—a delicious squeezed orange wool coat worn over a shantung suit of the same colour.

Tiny toque

THE Claude St. Cyr hats were very becoming. My favourites: a tiny toque worn to one side of black and white chrysanthemum petals; a sea-shell-shaped hat, shady, and worn with a slight dip, in shell-pink net with one flattened rose.

Wonderful Hartnell dresses for the season—and let's hope it is a wonderful season for Hartnell.

JOY MATTHEWS



DRAWING BY ROBB

DRACULA: A vamp jersey dress with chiffon but wings in dead-o'-night black.

HOME DRESSMAKING

TIPS ON STITCHING VARIOUS FABRIC TYPES

CORRECT stitching is the first step to successful sewing. Such variable factors as tension, stitch lengths, needle sizes, threads and pressure must be adapted to the type of fabric that is being stitched. With correct equipment, such as needles and thread,

and correct adjustments of tension and stitch length, a perfect sewing job may be achieved even by a beginning seamstress.

With women today stitching everything from nylon to plastic, and from sheers to sailcloth, it is necessary to understand the adjustments to make for various fabrics. Here are tips to help achieve perfect stitching.

First Rule

The first rule is always to stitch on a test scrap of fabric. In general, the lighter the fabric, the shorter the stitch and the finer the needle. Heavy fabrics require proportionately longer stitches and heavier needles. Hard finishes, tightly woven fabrics require heavy pressure on the presser bar; while spongy fabrics require lighter pressure.

When testing a scrap of fabric, remember that differences in stitching occur on almost all fabrics. Longwise stitching is the most likely to pucker. Therefore, make tests by stitching on the lengthwise grain. If this stitch is correct, it will also be good on the cross grain and bias.

Using A Megaphone

"It's got the word guide written on it," said Knarf. And look, Hanid, he's talking through a megaphone!"

"Hello, you up there!" Grasshopper was shouting to them through a small-sized megaphone. (It was actually a morning-glory blossom.) "We're going on a tour. Come down here and join us."

Knarf and Hanid made themselves small. They now found themselves in the middle of a crowd of beetles, caterpillars, potato bugs, fireflies, five or six ants and a snail.

"I'm glad you could make it," Grasshopper greeted Knarf and Hanid as he tipped his Guide cap at them. "We're touring this whole field."

"There you, Firefly!" Grasshopper suddenly shouted. "Don't climb up that grass stem! You want to fall down and break your neck? Come along, everybody! We've got a lot of things to see."

Grasshopper proved to be an excellent guide. He showed all his customers a hole in the ground where the hornets lived, and a spot where a young apple tree was growing from a seed which somebody had thrown away. He led them across a bridge made of spider web over a swift-running stream of rain water.

Friendly Bees

He showed them a cave where an owl lived and he took them at last to a small beehive where the friendly bees served him biscuits and honey.

"There we are!" cried Grasshopper. "This is the end of the tour. I hope you're all here. Say, where's Snail?"

Knarf and Hanid lost no time going to the clump of buttercups and black-eyed Susans. They looked down but could see nothing but stems and leaves.

Suddenly, however, they heard a voice saying: "Come, this way. Ladies and gentlemen! Follow me. On the right, the black-eyed Susans which I planted myself!"

Knarf and Hanid got down on their knees and spread the

plants apart. Sure enough, there was the Grasshopper with a whole crowd of tiny creatures behind him.

There was no doubt about it. "He is wearing a red cap!" said Hanid to Knarf.

Grasshopper was shouting through a megaphone.

But Snail was left so far behind that Knarf and Hanid had already left to go home when they came on him still trudging forward, thumping on his cane, as he headed for the beehive many yards ahead.

"Grasshopper was a wonderful guide," Hanid told Knarf when she met him the next day. "I wonder where he got that red cap."

"He made it out of a hollow acorn," said Knarf, "with a piece of red apple peel wrapped around it. But I don't suppose you believe that either!"

Rupert and the Lost List—17



Rupert watches fascinated as the strange animal finishes its meal. "The poor thing must be very hungry," he thinks. "That looked like a piece of paper it was eating!" The mist drifts over the clear patch and he creeps forward gently to keep the other

in view. Suddenly the animal catches sight of him and in a flash it has whisked round and disappeared. Then Rupert pulls himself together. "What a noodle I am!" he gasps. "If following that animal I've got myself more lost than ever!"

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Silk Thread

Fabrics such as gingham, chamois, wool flannel, wool jersey, wool crepe, lightweight sailings and cotton velvets are most in demand by the home seamstress. These fabrics require mercerized thread, or silk thread, a size 14 or 16 needle, 12 stitches to the inch for inside seams and 15 to 18 stitches to the inch for outside stitching.

Heavy materials such as corduroy and heavy sailings and coatings require heavy duty mercerized thread, a size 10 needle, 10 stitches to the inch for inside seams and 12 stitches to the inch for outside stitching.

Very heavy fabrics such as sailcloth, canvas and overcoatings require size 30 to 40 cotton thread, a size 18 needle, 8 stitches to the inch for inside seams and 10 stitches to the inch for outside stitching.

Basto Plastics

Plastic fabrics should never be pinned or basted, since the pins might leave holes that would tear. Basto plastics with transparent tape or paper clips. For sewing, use mercerized or synthetic thread, a size 11 or 14 needle, 10 stitches to the inch for inside seams or 12 stitches to the inch for outside stitching.

On synthetic fabrics, it is wise to run the sewing machine at a slightly slower-than-normal speed to avoid puckering on the lengthwise grain. Remember that the hinged presser foot will allow you to stitch over pins placed crosswise along the seam, saving basting time. Press all seams before crowing with another seam.

With proper attention to sewing technique, even a beginner can turn out perfect stitching.

CONQUEST OF KOREANS IS COMPLETE

Asian Cup Holders Beaten 3-1 By Combined Chinese

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The Conquest of the Koreans is complete. At the Hongkong Stadium on Saturday, before an all-time record crowd for a Colony football match, the Combined Chinese crushed the visitors into soccer submission by 3 goals to 1... but it was an indifferent game.

The score is hardly an accurate indication of the gulf between the two teams. The Hongkong boys might easily have scored three more goals and long before the end even the dynamic fighting spirit of the Koreans, which electrified the fans on Tuesday and won them the Asian Cup on their last visit, was just a vague blurred memory.

I've heard it suggested that three games in five days was too much for the Koreans. I can only hope that it was a suggestion born in a feeling of misguided sympathy for the visitors for I cannot believe they would seriously offer themselves as an alibi for the failure to win a single game in their tour.

There was certainly no hint of it in their confident pre-tour prediction that they expected to win at least two of their three games... and they made that prediction when they were already well aware of the playing schedule that lay ahead of them.

No, the truth of the matter is that the visitors simply were not good enough for the task on hand. It is true of course, that they put up a magnificent fight in the first game... and it is true also that they showed more spirit in the second match... but in this final engagement they just played badly.

The Hongkong Combined Chinese outmatched them in every phase of the game and it was rather disappointing to see that even the usually indomitable Korean fighting spirit was lacking.

The forward line... even allowing for the big-hearted endeavours of the brilliant little giant, Woo Sang-yeon... was infuriatingly inept. It lacked attacking method and it was too easily brushed aside by Hongkong's hard and fast-tackling defenders.

Their own defence was good enough, but it was overworked and did well to keep the score down to respectable proportions.

Everything Right

The Combined Chinese did everything that was required of them. They played the right kind of football to suit the occasion and it was pleasing to see that they were never chained to one hard and fast plan.

Sometimes they kept the ball close... and then, quite suddenly they would switch to long, wide-sweep passes.

These changing tactics kept the Koreans guessing throughout the whole ninety minutes with the result that their wing halves were never quite sure whether to dash into the tackle or retreat to a 'defence-in-depth' position leaving the

man with the ball to make territorial progress. The penalty of this uncertainty was clearly demonstrated in all three goals scored by the Hongkong boys.

Eighteen minutes after the start Ho Cheung-yau went off on a dizzy, meandering run. The defence retreated in front of him and then all too late they realised the extent of the danger which threatened.

Desperate situations require desperate measures and the Korean right-half, Cha Tai-sung, opened the little inside right just as it seemed certain he was going to score.

No Hesitation

Referee Dick Webb had no hesitation in awarding a penalty kick and Tang Sun showed the same promptitude in despatching the ball to the back of the net.

Combined Chinese maintained their solitary goal lead until the interval, but inside ten minutes of the restart they had gone further ahead... and it was nearly the perfect goal.

Again we were treated to the sight of the Koreans in half-hearted retreat as Ho Cheung-yau curled the ball forward. The inside right moved ahead and then at the crucial moment he gave a deceptive little wiggle of his hips, got the defence—including the goalkeeper—going the wrong way, and coolly placed the ball with inch perfect accuracy just inside Paik Sang-hoon's left hand post.

It was a delightful effort and the goalkeeper never had a ghost of a chance from the moment the ball left Ho Cheung-yau's foot.

We visualised a Korean revival when Woo Sang-yeon made the most of a whole sequence of Chinese defensive errors to chalk up a goal for his side but, alas, it was a flash in the pan and the Korean challenge never materialised as a serious threat to the Hongkong boys.

Instead the visitors soon found themselves further behind. The movement that brought the goal was almost a duplicate of the play that led up to the one scored by Ho Cheung-yau, but this time the scorer was Yiu Cheuk-yin.

Tantalised

The little inside left tantalised the defenders as he danced through their ranks. He got a good look at the white of Pak Sang-hoon's eyes before leaving him helpless with a swerving shot which had goal stamped all over it from the moment it was kicked until it was tucked away in the corner of the net.

That finished the actual goals, but we shall remember another fine effort by Yiu Cheuk-yin which many people thought was actually over the goal line, and we shall also recall Lau Yee's fine last ditch clearance from a hard hit shot by Choi Kwang-zuk.

These incidents apart, we shall look back only on the satisfaction of a well won Hongkong victory: a victory that might easily have been more substantial... a victory that was once again shared by the driving force of the vociferous fans who cheered the Combined Chinese out of their rough

patches and into a football fairway where they were too good for the opposition.

The local boys played well together and only Kwok Kam-hung who is still a bit out of his class in this sort of company, and Lau Kui-chu have question marks against their names.

The little South China full back does some clever things, but these are more than offset by his errors... particularly in the shape of misplaced passes at vital stages of the game.

Lau Kai-chu again played poorly and he failed to fit into a front rank that simply bristled with talent.

Szeko Yiu had another delightful game and the Koreans will surely have nightmares about his tenacious tackling.

Usually In Control

Tang Sun had a much better game this time and Lau Tim, apart from a couple of heart-stopping mis-kicks in front of his own goal, was usually in complete control of the middle of the field.

Wong Chi-keung and Mok Chun-wai shone on the excellent service they got from Ho Cheung-yau and Yiu Cheuk-yin and these four gave the opposition plenty to think about... too much in fact. The score sheet tells its own story.

VERDICT: The Combined Chinese victory was more complete than the score suggests. The MacTavish Topper is doffed in salute to our representatives for a grand series... and a very special word of commendation to the fans for their thrilling support of the boys who played in our Colony colours.

Interesting Extract

Here is a most interesting extract from a letter I received at the week-end. It is the reply to one which I wrote in answer to many queries which I have received in recent weeks. The text of the extract is self explanatory... read on....

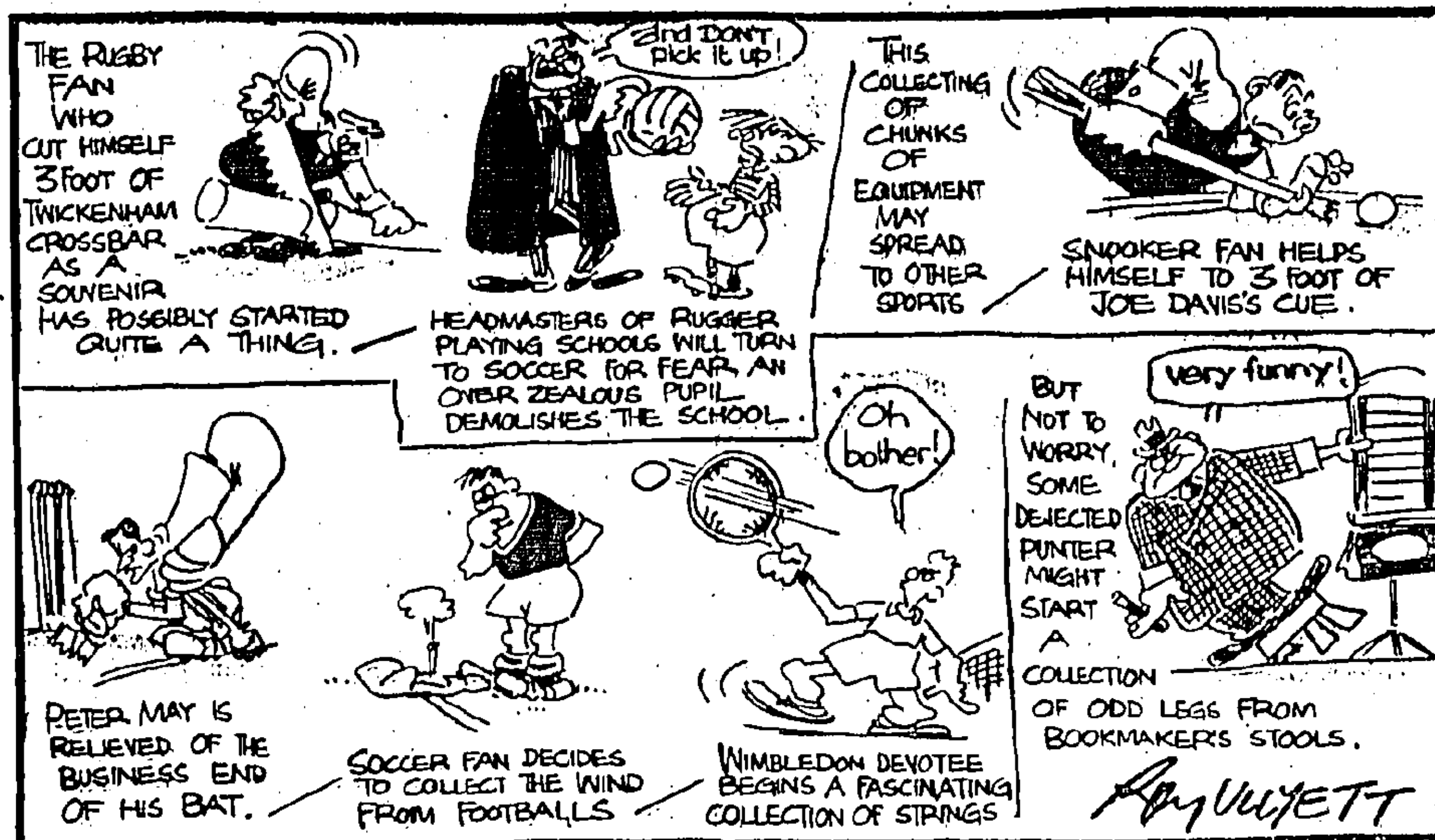
"Dear Sir, "As requested by you I have studied the rules of the Asian Games with particular reference to the eligibility of participants. I have also perused the list of football players who have represented Hongkong and I have in previous competitions and it is my opinion that players who have participated in the Asian Games Football Competition for either Hongkong or Taiwan would not now be eligible to represent a different side in the forthcoming Games in Tokyo."

"Yours faithfully, X X X"

That opinion has been given by a well known Colony personage who is well qualified to do so. Nothing is to be gained by revealing his identity. His comments give food for thought.

Coincidence Corner

Not often a team wins 9-0, but it becomes quite a coincidence when the first and second divisions of a club both win by that big margin on the same day. What is more the senior and reserve sides of Carpet Trades FC in the Kidderminster League were both leading 6-0 at half time.



SATURDAY'S RUGBY

Two Top Teams Prove Their Worth As Leaders In Pentangular Table

By "PAK LO"

The two teams at the top of the Pentangular table proved their right to their places in no uncertain manner when they won very convincingly over their opponents on Saturday afternoon.

Club won their match against the Navy by 41 points (4 goals, 6 tries, 1 dropped goal) to nil, while on the other side of the harbour the Police, showing one or two major changes in their XV, were completely overpowered by the Army team which played good, open rugby throughout to leave the victors by 33 points (3 goals, 6 tries) to nil.

The Tournament table now stands thus:

| Club | P | W | D | L | Pts | For | Agst |
|--------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|------|
| Club | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 10 | 10 |
| Army | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 10 | 10 |
| RAF | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 38 | 9 |
| Police | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 27 | 4 |
| Navy | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 101 | 4 |

From the above it can be easily seen that the winners of the Tournament this season will be the victors of the Club v. Army match which is scheduled for the near future.

Navy should without doubt be the "wooden spoonists" for they still lack men and are likely to remain in like situation until the end of the season.

All Too Many

Of late it has been extremely noticeable that the "wooden spoonists" for they still lack men and are likely to remain in like situation until the end of the season.

"This" Cup which was instituted last season. There is little doubt that last season XV's made some effort to win the Cup, but there is little interest in it this season.

It has been suggested before to the Referees Society that they allow the standings to be published, but this they are reluctant to do.

No Effort

Their reasoning is that XV's whose name is at the bottom of "31" Cup table will make no effort to improve themselves as per the "31" Cup regulations.

Surely it is more important that to start with some of the XV's take an interest in this competition. As it is none of them care whether they win it or not, and mention of the Cup brings only derisive laugh from players.

To quote a good many, "I couldn't care less. Someone will get it but it won't be us." It is this attitude the Referees Society meant to foster then they have done a good job, but I am certain that this

is not what they visualised when they presented this Cup and it is up to them to interest the players in the competition again.

This can best be done by publishing the standings of the various XV's who have played sufficient games to become competitors in the "31" Cup.

Army v. Police

The Police turned out for this match short of two of their stars, Sholley and Lloyd, but even had they been present it is extremely doubtful that they could have held this fast, hard-going Army side.

The Army played a very open game, and though their three were not particularly successful, their two halves, Gibbeson and Robertson, were more than worthy of their selection.

Behind them Goulds made the openings, but he himself was forced to pass time and again by the hard-tackling Scott, who let no one past him.

The rest of the Police three were, however, not on a par with Scott and they were often beaten by their own poor tackling.

For the first half, with Johnston at full back, Walker for some unknown reason lay outside the scrums and the Police were outplayed and outbooked throughout.

Always Slow

The Police were always slow to get down in the scrum, and the Army almost invariably had the underhand.

In the second half Walker rejoined the Police pack, and though their weight then held the Army pack the damage had been done.

In the lineouts the Police, without Sholley, lacked a powerful leader and seldom got the ball back. The Police three when they did get the ball looked dangerous, but it was

not until the second half that they got the ball back clearly for the first time.

Gibbeson opened the scoring for the Army in the fourth minute when he broke through and sent Robertson over, and ten minutes later Green scored after a ragged drive more to make it 6-0.

Bushy scored a beautiful try when he grabbed the ball for twenty yards at his feet, until it finally bounced nicely into his hands and he scored in the corner. Leppard converted 13-0.

Later Bushy gathered a kick ahead and sent Robertson over in the corner. Robertson ran round to score under the posts, leaving an easy conversion for Leppard 16-0.

Fast on his line Gibbeson and Robertson again combined for the latter to score well out, 19-0. In the second half Muntz scored near the posts from a loose maul for Leppard to convert, and seven minutes later Sharp crossed in the corner, a move which he repeated another seven minutes later to make it 26-0.

Finally Leppard, who had had little to do all afternoon, gathered a Police kick, ran across field and got the Army three goals. He took a return pass and scored well out to make it 29-0.

Club v. Navy

The Club's halves and three were so superior that the Navy had little chance against them, especially with the Club pack feeding the ball back steadily.

The Club three passed exceedingly well, and poor tackling by the Navy gave them every chance to go through and score.

This Navy side was not in the light, and with both the Navy and the RAF losing men steadily—men whom they are unlikely to replace—it might be better next season if these two combined into one XV for the Tournament.

Lochrie, Cheong, Williams and Campbell all scored a try in the first half with Wright contributing two tries, while O'Kelly, who was the architect of victory, converted four of the tries.

In the second half Miller, Campbell, Cheong and Lochrie scored another try each, while O'Kelly dropped a goal to make the final score 41-0.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Tennis: Interclub: Hongkong v. Taiwan, HKCC, 3.15 p.m.
Meeting: J.K. Referees Meeting, China Football Club, 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

Meeting: Football Association Council Meeting, Sports Regd. 9.45 a.m.
Tennis: Combined Foreign Tennis Clubs v. Taiwan, LHC, 4.30 p.m.
Ladies' Day, Shanghai Fousen 10.

CAA Come From Behind To Get On Even Terms Against The Army

By "TOUCHWOOD"

CAA 3 ARMY 3

This is the story of a soccer team who, after leading 3-1 by the interval, allowed the opposition to steamroller them into conceding two goals that tied the score and only bad luck prevented the back-to-the-wall side from scoring the winning goal in a First Division League match at Boundary Street.

Before a few thousand fans, the Army side looked like walking away with a comfortable margin of victory. Hadn't they a commanding lead by the 45th minute? Instead of playing like men inspired, the soldiers on resumption played uncharacteristically and as a result CAA made the best use of this to leave the field with honours shared.

What is all the more remarkable about the Athletics victory was that they played with a man short for the first 15 minutes. Seen standing on the sideline was one of their players all dressed up to join the team, but somehow kept out hoping that Jimmy Chang, the absent goalkeeper, would eventually join the team. It was only after the Army opened the scoring in the 16th

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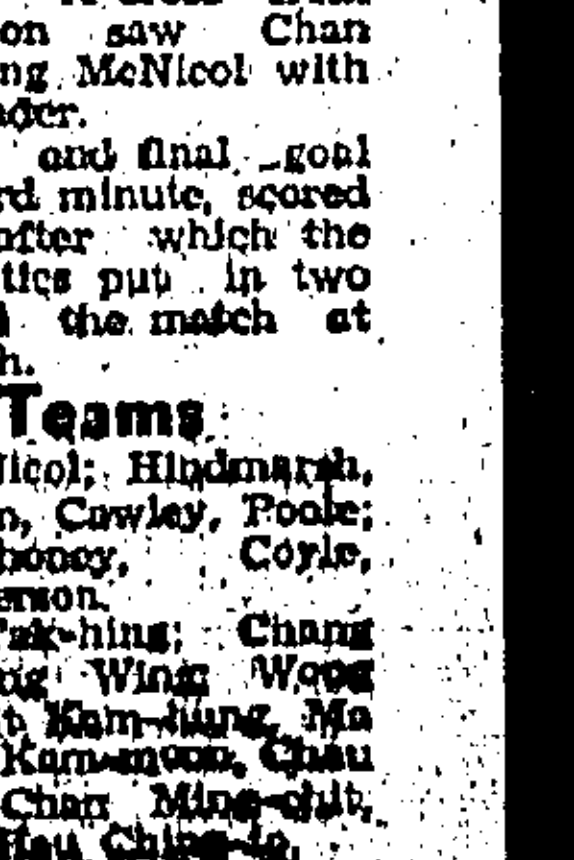
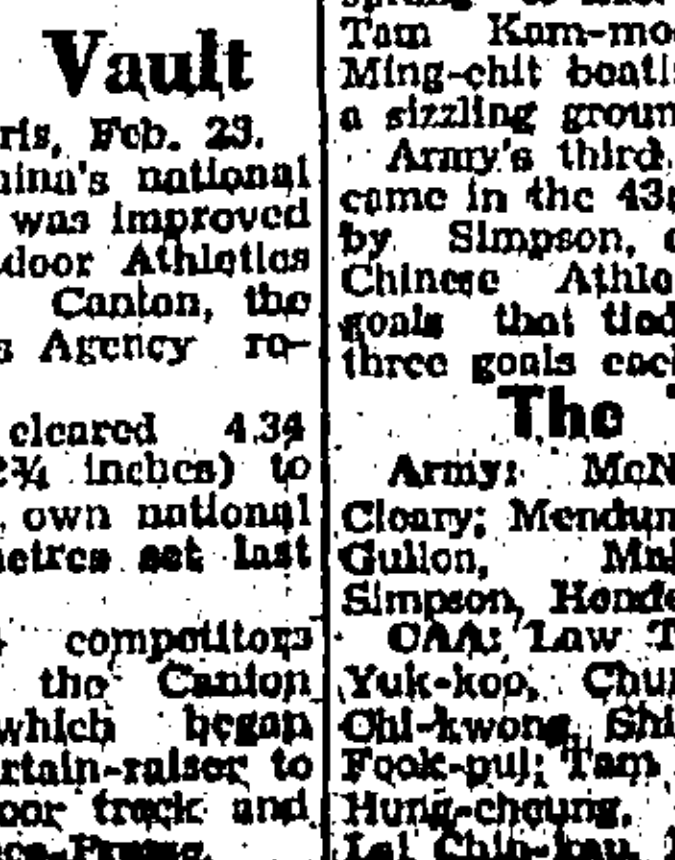
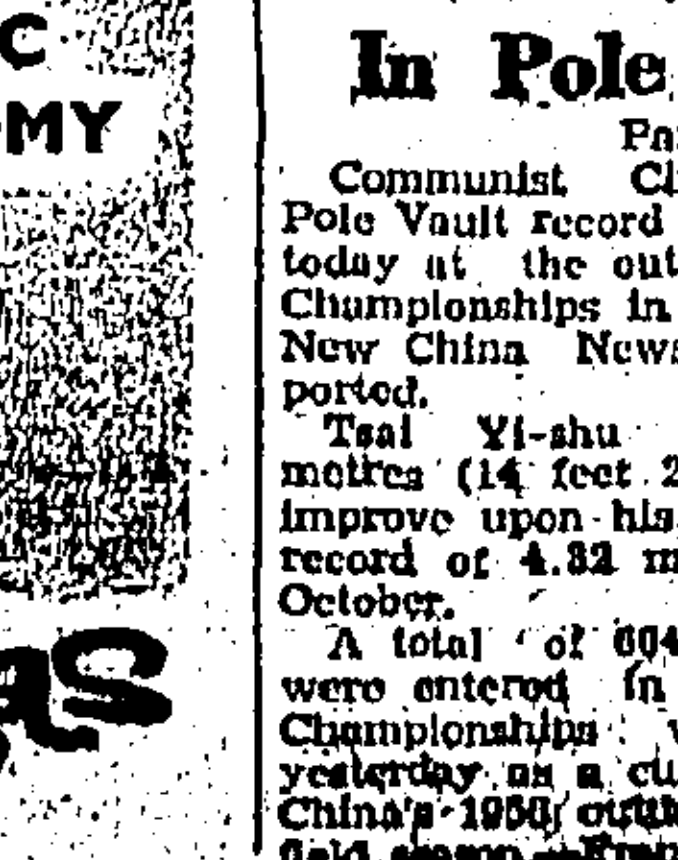
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THE GAMBOLES



OUTDOOR SPORTS FESTIVAL WORTH TRYING AGAIN

The first ever Outdoor Sports Festival organised by the Hongkong Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Council at the Hongkong Stadium proved quite an attractive affair if it did not attract as many people as one would have hoped to see present.

Six different sports—athletics, cycling, gymnastics, hockey, miniature football and softball—were presented. Most appreciated, it would appear, was the gymnastics display by the Army Physical Training Corps.

Not so much because it was better than anything similar in any other part of the world as for the fact that it was very much of a novelty to Hongkong.

It seemed to me that a good deal of the crowd attracted—said to have numbered over a thousand—came to see the hockey match between the Combined Services and Combined Civilian, which the latter won 4-1.

The miniature football match, in which many of the Colony's leading players in this sport were engaged, also brought forth much applause.

Trials

Five of the men's track events in the athletics section of the Festival were trials for selection of the HKAAA team to meet the United States for Eastern Air Forces and probably the Amateur Athletic Federation of Taiwan at Caroline Hill Stadium on March 12 or 13.

It does not follow that the first two or three in each event will definitely be selected for Hongkong's first ever full-scale international athletic match, but it is almost certain that they will be preferred to anyone else.

Surprising

One very surprising feature of the track events was that the participants, with the exception of Archie Lin, did not turn in faster times than they have done at Caroline Hill earlier in the season.

This was most surprising as all the participating athletes are in much better condition than they were at the last HKAAA Open Meeting at Caroline Hill Stadium last December.

In the only previous HKAAA meeting ever held at the Government Stadium—the 1956 Colony Championships—several Colony records were broken and

many athletes clocked their fastest ever times in Hongkong. The legend has since grown that the Government Stadium track is much faster than the Caroline Hill track. One must now reconsider this opinion on the new evidence.

It is important to note that in the 1956 Colony Championships were involved some of the finest runners Hongkong has ever seen. The fifth man in the 400 Metres finished under 2 minutes 3 seconds and it is quite understandable in the circumstances that such outstanding half-mileers as Keith Hurrell and Peter Bowman should have been pushed under two minutes.

Yesterday two such highly-regarded half mileers as Goddard and Barnes did not clock faster times than 2:05.4 and 2:05.9 respectively, and it must be remembered that they clocked 2:04.2 and 2:04.3 at Caroline Hill in December. Barnes is convalescent from a recent illness, but he was still capable of pushing Goddard yesterday.

May Be Improved

Disappointing though the Festival was from the point of view of lack of attendance, I think that it should be tried again. There is considerable scope for improvement in its presentation.

To begin with, it dragged over a long period and, particularly in the softball and hockey matches, only a small section of the whole field was occupied.

Some other form of sport could have been carried on in another section of the field. The argument is brought forth by some that all concentration should be on one item, but people are likelier to be bored than educated to appreciation by what they are not interested in.

"RECORDER"

CHAMPIONSHIP PRACTICALLY DECIDED

LEAGUE CRICKET

Craigengower Move Up

Craigengower Cricket Club won a very valuable four points from Army South in the First Division of the Cricket League at Sookunpoo on Saturday and are now in a strong challenging position to League leaders Army North—three points behind with seven matches to go.

IRC and KCC also won while Scorpions were held to a draw by Recreation and Optimists beat the Royal Air Force.

League standings now are:

| Team | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|--------------|----|---|---|----|-----|
| Army North | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 34 |
| Scorpions | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 31 |
| Indian HC | 13 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 31 |
| Craigengower | 13 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 31 |
| KCC | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 30 |
| Army South | 13 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 21 |
| RAF | 13 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 21 |
| Recreation | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 21 |
| Optimists | 13 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 14 |
| Royal Navy | 13 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 12 |
| Police | 13 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 12 |

* Including two points for a tie.

Buji Dhabher was the major contributor with 47 to the Craigengower total of 172, with K. Y. Tam (20), P. A. Ragi (21) and G. A. Souza (24) also among the runs.

Opening batsman Brown was undefeated for 52 in the Army South innings of 112, but the wickets at the other end, except for an opening stand of 33 with Tidey, kept falling at regular intervals and victory was achieved comfortably despite two dropped catches by Dhabher in the deep.

Real Madrid In European Cup Semi-Finals

Seville, Feb. 23.

Real Madrid, the holders, joined Manchester United in the semi-finals of the European Soccer Cup today by eliminating Seville in the quarter-finals.

The Madrid club, who won the first leg 8-0 in Madrid a month ago, drew 2-2 at Seville today to qualify on an aggregate of 10-2.

Manchester United were the first club to reach the semi-finals when they defeated Red Star, Belgrade, on the eve of the Munich air disaster 17 days ago.

The two other quarter-finals—Ajax (Amsterdam) versus Vassas (Budapest) and Borussia Dortmund (West Germany) versus Milano (Italy)—have still to be decided.

The draw for the semi-finals is due to take place in Brussels on March 1.—Reuter.

33 Fielding Errors As Hurricanes Win Ladies' League Game

By "TIME OUT"

The Ladies' League championship was practically decided yesterday when in an entertaining softball game at King's Park Onofre Souza's red-shirted Hurricanes, behind the four-hit pitching of Evelyn Alonso and the fielding and batting of Myra Cruz, edged out the South China team by 9 runs to 7.

The close score, however, belied the standard of play as a total of 33 fielding errors was registered, 18 by the losers and 15 by the winners.

The Comets kept their position mid-way in the Junior League standings intact with a magnificent 8-1 win over the gallant War Eagles the winners' John Goodair losing a one-hitter.

The other two League games, CAA versus US Navy and P.I. Dodgers against the University of Hongkong, resulted in forfeits by the Athletics and the U respectively.

The Athletics unfortunately got their signals crossed when they turned up at 1:45 p.m. for the 11:30 a.m. game.

As for the exhibition softball, the Canadian Naval Squadron bowled 7 to 6 to a Junior All-Stars side that displayed a lot of hustle and yesterday at the Government Stadium the Softball Association boasted two "firsts." One, a drawn game with the score at four-all between the two teams, the Canadians and Al Oliveira's Warriors, and the other the first-ever televised softball game in Hongkong.

The Canucks' Gallo, poled out one of the longest homers I have ever had the pleasure to see when he knocked the ball into deep right field.

Almost History

The sprinkling of fans at King's Park must have left immediately after the Comets and War Eagles contest with a feeling of satisfaction. This Junior game almost saw local softball history made as John Goodair of the Comets just missed his second no-hitter of the season, an achievement never recorded before.

The Eagles left two runners stranded in the first inning and failed to score.

John Bryant opened the scoring for the Comets when he came home on an infield miscue. Tony Djeng got nabbed at the plate when he attempted to sneak past Eagles' catcher Owen for the second out after Tommy Chadd had rapped a line drive straight to pitcher Lau.

Michael Hussain's batting average took a sharp dive when in his first trip to the plate he couldn't produce a hit. In fact he went zero in four and must now be considered an "also ran" for the batting title.

The second frame got under way with the Comets leading 1-0. The Eagles' first two batters were out on easy pops and Kew looked all set to score from third on two successive errors, but Goodair rose to the occasion and whiffed his opposite number Lau on a fast third strike.

The Comets' run number two in the bottom of the second when shortstop Lam hunted safely to advance Kotwall to second base and then Goodair rammed Lau's slow ball to centre-field for Kotwall to come home standing up.

Lau and Goodair were left stranded on the sacks as Eagles' pitcher Lau took a breather and then got the next three batters on a fan-out and two lazy flies to the infield. It was still a no-hit game after the top of the third as Goodair forced the Eagles to lay the ball on the ground so right to the waiting glove of Comets shortstop Lam.

Kotwall's hit past the hot corner drove in Chadd ahead of him from second, then with two men on the Eagles' rightfielder Kew made a good catch of Osman's long drive to end the inning and the scoreboard now read Comets 3, War Eagles 0.

Safely Parked

K. K. Wong worked Goodair for a walk and when the latter faltered by issuing another free ticket to first Wong was safely parked at the keystone. A very good scoring chance was thrown away when Wong then foolishly tried to make third as Goodair turned his back because the ball was waiting for him in the mitt of hot-corner guardian Kotwall.

A fielder's choice and two walks later Wu hit home plate for the Eagles' first run on a bary hit. The Comets took full advantage of some atrocious defensive play by the losers to score another run and it was now 4-1.

The Eagles were by no means beaten even though they were trailing by three runs. With one away a feeling of desperation engulfed the Eagles when after F. K. Lee had stolen

second after getting his side's only hit of the game, a liner past third, he tried to reach third on a fumble of K. K. Wong's long fly to left.

The relay from the pastures came in like a bullet and another rally was killed as Lee slid right into the third-sacker Kotwall's outstretched glove with the ball tucked away in it. Goodair seemed to resent F. K. Lee's spilling of his potent no-hit game because in the last two frames he went about his business quickly and disposed of the Eagles in one-two-three order.

Just to make sure, his teammates gave him full support in the bottom of the fifth by putting the game on ice with a four runs spurge to make the final score 5 to 1 in favour of the Comets.

The Comets got seven hits off Eagles' hurler Lau Man-long who has been anything but impressive this season. This young pitcher has a good arm but sorely needs some coaching

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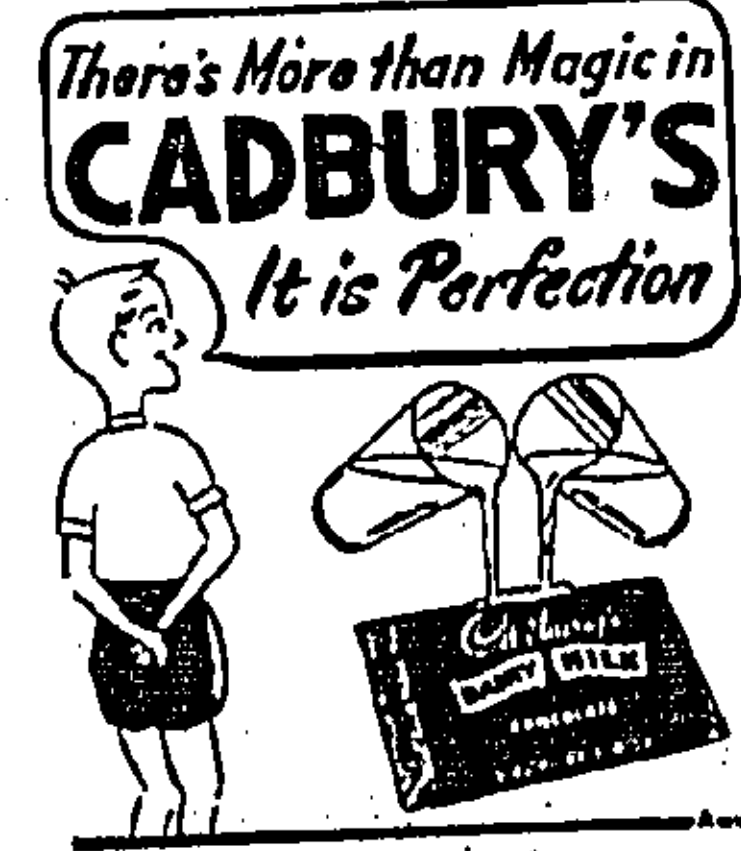
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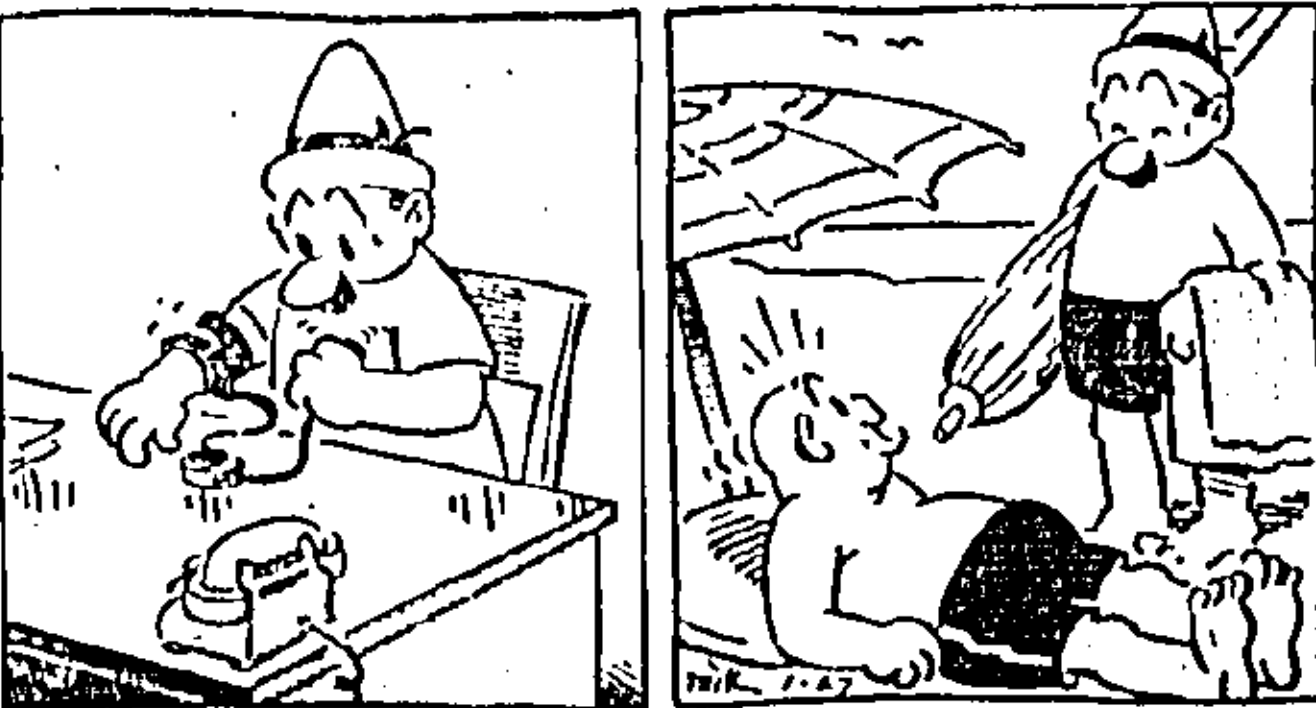
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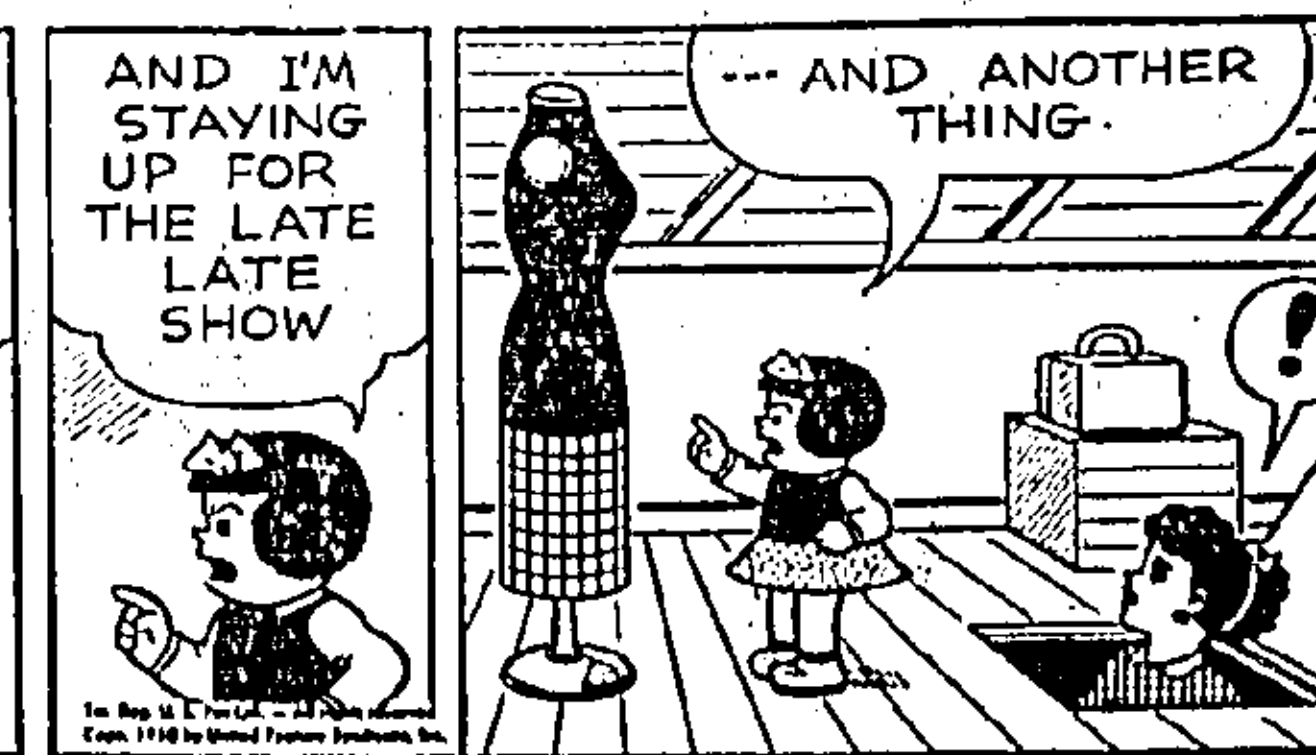
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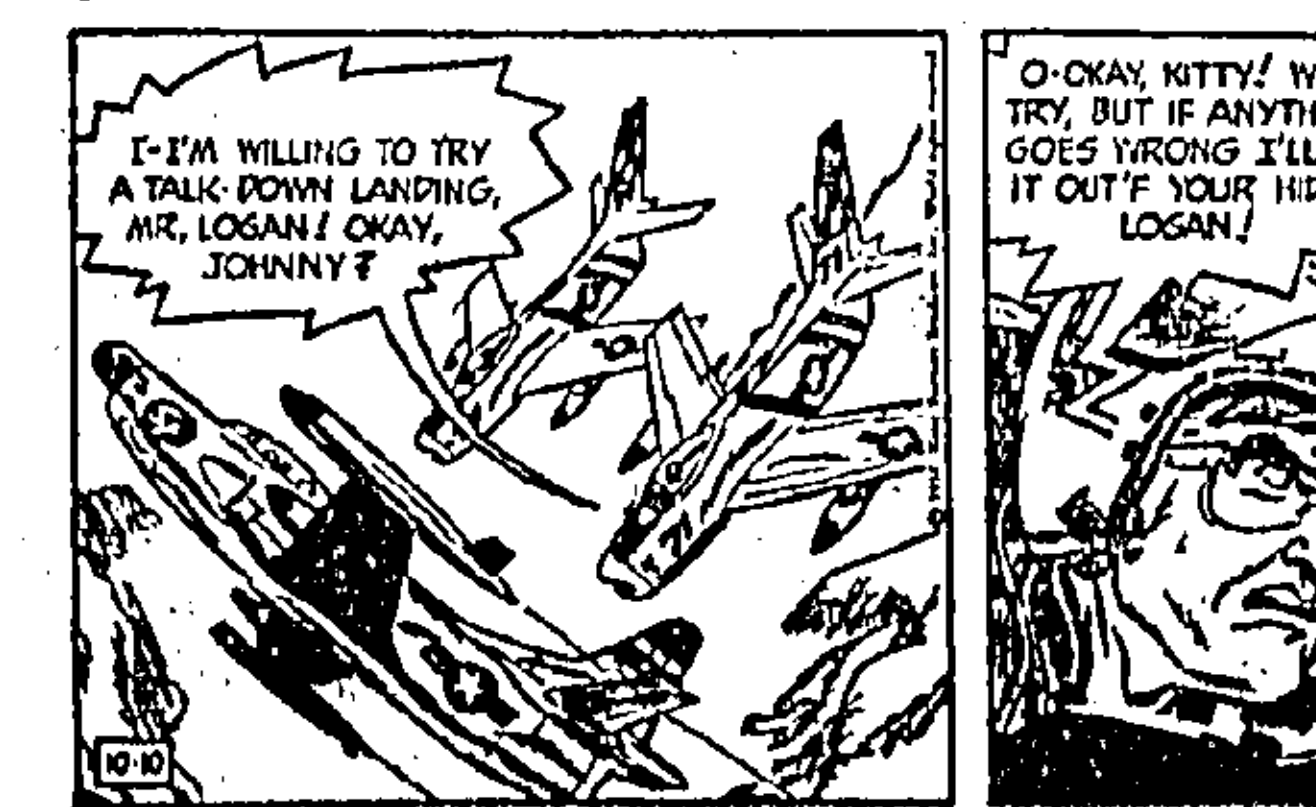
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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st March to 15th March, 1968, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 22nd Feb., 1968.

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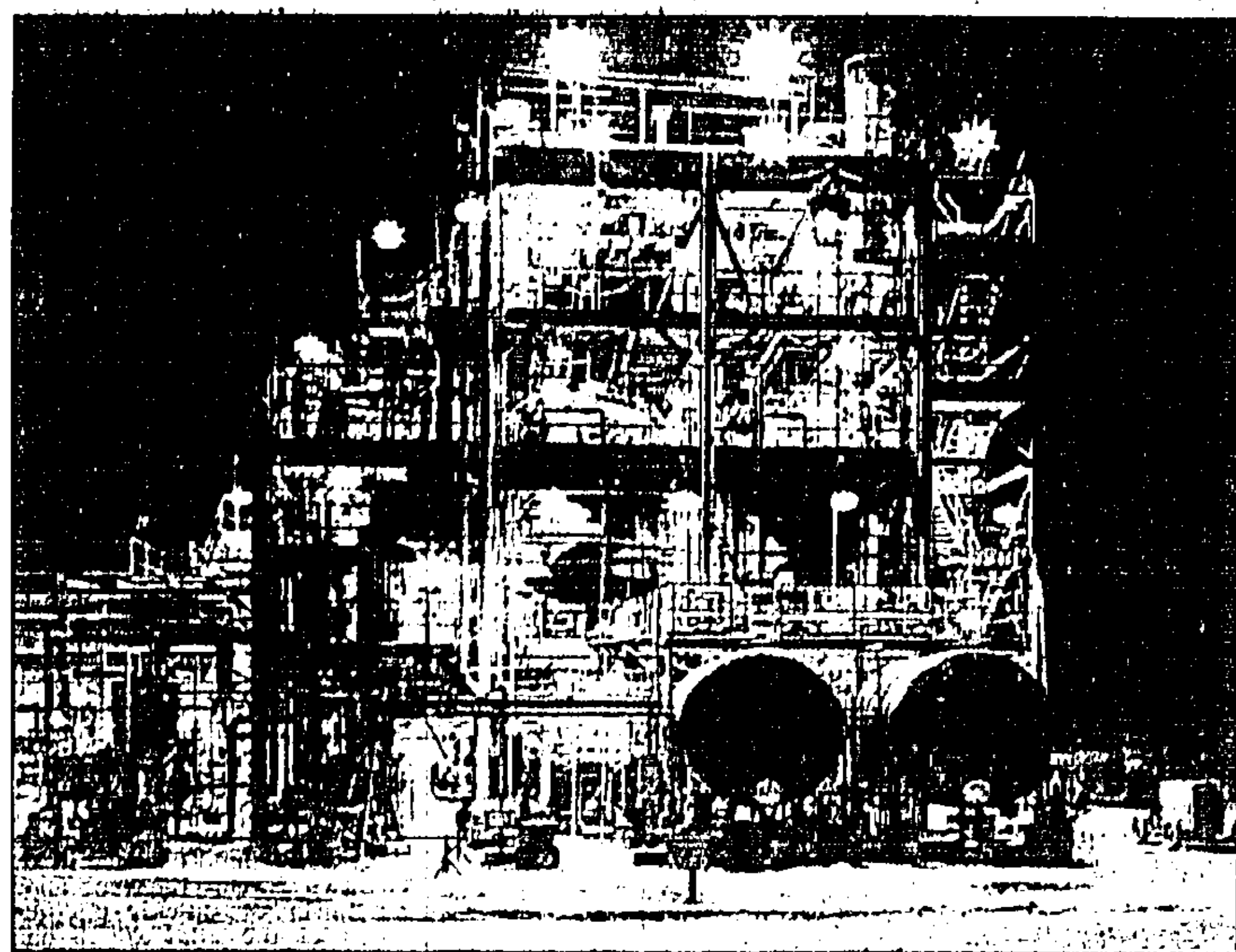
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One of the more interesting uses of these magnets is in conjunction with artificial eyes. Here, by the magic of surgery, a tiny magnet can be used to synchronise the movements of an artificial, plastic eye with those of the live eye.

Even more unusual is the magnet's application in cattle raising. Apparently, cows consume pieces of metal with their forage. This "hardware disease" kills several million dollars' worth of cattle each year.

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INCREASED CARRYING CAPACITY

A 7 cwt. light van re-designed to suit local delivery work requirements is announced by a British motor manufacturing group.

A 1300 cc. eliv. power unit developing 43 bhp has been included for speedier acceleration and a more powerful all-round performance. Wider bodywork and a longer wheelbase provide increased carrying capacity, and the new vehicle, the Commer Cob, has been planned for quick and easy loading.

The rear door is wider, the loading height has been reduced and the luggage platform lengthened to 57½ ins. an increase of five inches over the previous model.

The main features of the van are compactness and manoeuvrability. There is front suspension with re-designed coil springs and telescopic hydraulic dampers front and rear.

It is available in antelope, fiesta blue, searacer green or thistle grey.

The new van, the manufacturers state, offers more leg room and comfort with re-designed bucket-style driving seat and passenger seat and it can accommodate a full range of private car accessories and extras. The Commer Group, Devonshire House, Piccadilly, London, W.1.

SHARP UPWARD TURN IN BRITISH PRISON POPULATION

London, Feb. 23.
Britain's prisons are becoming more and more crowded. "A sharp upward turn" in the prison population is noted in the annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons covering the year 1956. The daily average population of the prisons was still rising in the middle of last year.

In July 1957, there were 22,340 persons in British prisons, mostly men. "The upward trend," the Commissioners' report said, "is confined to men. A striking feature of recent years is the continued fall in the numbers of women—from an average of 871 in 1950 to 608 in mid-1957."

The problem in men's prisons is serious overcrowding. In local prisons, some 2,400 men are sleeping three in a cell.

In the larger women's prisons, on the contrary, "the few women whom the State has to accommodate are well housed, and much difficulty is experienced in finding enough women suitable for the various kinds of work."

Fanciful

Some of the more fanciful ideas about prison life have been dispelled by a recent book "Come to Prison" by the playwright Sewall Stokes, who served as a probation officer in London during World War II. (Published by Longmans—21s.).

Of particular interest is a description of a visit to Dartmoor, where many of the nation's toughest criminals serve long sentences. Dartmoor is a prison, Stokes writes, "not a place where time is wasted by prisoners trying their luck at breaking out, against almost impossible hazards of pursuit by tracker dogs over a desolate heath in southwest England."

After a tour of the quarries and farms where the convicts work, Mr Stokes asked the prison Governor how many of his 620 charges he would call trouble-makers.

"About fifty," was the answer.

"Really bad boys, are they?" Stokes asked.

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WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

KING'S & PRINCESS: "And God Created Woman." Brigitte Bardot in a French picture of a woman indiscreetly seeking a bed-mate.
STAR & METROPOLE: "Legend of The Lost." John Wayne, Sophia Loren and Rossano Brazzi search for treasure in the Sahara.
LEE & ASTOR: "Campbell's Kingdom." Dirk Bogarde in an outdoor drama set in the Canadian Rockies.
ROXY & BROADWAY: "The Gift Of Love." Lauren Bacall and Robert Stack in a sentimental journey which introduces a new child star, Evelyn Rudie.
HOOVER & LIBERTY: "Don't Go Near The Water." Glenn Ford and Gia Scala in a hilarious comedy.
QUEEN'S: "The Blue Continent." "Sadler Trio." "The Enemy Below." Robert Mitchum and Curt Jurgens in a duel to the death at sea.
MAJESTIC: "Cartouche." Richard Basehart as the swordsman.
CAPITOL: "Interlude." June Allyson and Rossano Brazzi in a romance.
RITZ: "20 Million Miles to Earth." Some more science-fiction.

Audio And Visual Entertainment

RADIO HONGKONG

5.30, "Julius Caesar." A series of programmes about the play by William Shakespeare—Part 4: The Characters—Cassius, 5.45. New Concert Orchestra; 6. Time Signal; In the Groove; 6.30, Music for Everyone; 6.45, Weather Report; 7. Time Signal; News; 7.10, Comment; 7.15, Cocktail Time—Harry Farner's Raydon Ensemble; 7.30, Letter from America by Alastair Cooke; 7.45, Easy Listening Quartet; 8. Patti Page introduces "The Big Record"; with Vic Damone, Angel McNeil, Eddy Arnold, Luchita Gatton, Margaret Truman and Mel Tormé; 8.30, Monday Night; 9.30, "The Sound of Music" with a new accompaniment by Noyce Rice; Youth (Allison); Silent Whispers (Larri); Sea Fever (Ireland); The Vagabond (V. Williams); Turn ye to me (Trad.); The Border Halls (H. Cowen); 8.50, Weather Report; 9. Time Signal; News and Home News from Britain; 9.15, Music from the Film; 9.45, Breasts of England—Rand—No. 8; The Statistician's Report; 10.15, The Saturday Morners' Report; 10.30, The Statistician's Report; 10.45, The First Piano Quartet in a programme of well-known classical; 10.50, Weather Report; 11. Time Signal; Radio Newscast; 11.15, Overdrive; 11.30, Close Down.

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Govt Pumps New Money Into US Bloodstream

New York, Feb. 23.

The Federal Reserve Board on Wednesday lowered the reserve requirements on demand deposits at its 6,400 member banks by one half percent. This will immediately free some \$500 million at the end of the month when the measure becomes effective.

the first six weeks of 1935
\$607 million.
Bank reserves tight.
Positive reserves in fed
reserve system's member bank
excess reserves less borrow
—totalled \$103 million
week, against \$245 million
week before.

Disinflation on Government bonds may require an absolutely high long yield but it merely requires a relatively low one—which comes cheaper to the Treasury by lowering the yield than by boosting the rate. —China Mail Special.

Washington, Feb. 23

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Treasury's new 6½ per cent 25-year loans, tax-free to non-residents and purchasable with switch sterilizing at a discount. They had issued no tax-free stocks since 1944 and were thought to dislike them because they can sometimes be used to

New York, Feb. 23.

establishing a 40-point premium—2.30 bale—over the corresponding old crop very. A week ago old crop may hold a premium of points—55 cents a bale over the deferred delivery. — United Press.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1958.

SHEAFFER'S
ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

TWO UK ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS COMPLETE MISSION

Four Months Together In Unexplored Territory

McMurdo Sound, Feb. 23.
Two British explorers arrived at nearby Scott Base today at the end of a 1,670-mile survey expedition across previously unexplored territory in the Antarctic. They had been on the trail since October 21.

Industrialist Visits Colony

Sir Dinshaw Petit, well-known industrial and financier of Bombay, accompanied by Lady Petit, arrived from India by Air India International this morning for a week's stay here on a holiday trip.

The visitors will fly to Japan from where they will travel to Europe by the North Pole route.

Lady Petit is the sister of Mr. R. D. Tata, Managing Director of Tata Industries which is the largest industrial enterprise in India.

Blood Donors

Two parties of Canadian seamen gave blood for the Blood Bank in Hongkong early this morning.

The first group went to Queen Mary Hospital, where 30 donors were received.

The British Red Cross Society Blood Collecting Centre in Fung House on Connaught Road had a party of 41 volunteers initially and more were expected.

Dr. George March, 32, of Shrewsbury, England, and J. Holmes Miller, 30, of Masterton, New Zealand, arrived on skis behind two dog sleds. Their clothes were torn, dirty and patched; their faces were covered with heavy beards and were deeply sun-burned.

The two men had surveyed 15,000 square miles of previously uncharted sections of the southern continent, including the major mountain ranges near Mount Markham and Nimrod Glacier. They helped Sir

Edmund Hillary in setting up Depot 700, making a round-trip journey with the other New Zealand group before setting off on their own.

They arrived here from the plateau depot, which the party led by Dr. Vivian Fuchs reached earlier today. March said the trip from the plateau was about the easiest of the journey and that Fuchs probably would have no trouble the rest of the way.

The two men said the coldest weather they suffered was 42 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. They said they had their worst time with a combination of 20 below and winds up to 70 miles an hour. They said they were stopped for two weeks by bad weather on the entire trip.

Miller said they were not bothered by the isolation of the Antarctic wastes.

Loneliness
"The only time we had definite feelings of loneliness or insecurity was when we were away from the dogs," he said. Miller explained that several times they had to leave their teams in order to reach areas not passable with their sleds.

Miller said they were 90 miles southeast of Depot 700 on Christmas Day, but celebrated the occasion with frankfurters, mashed potatoes and medicinal brandy.

Miller said they had only minor disagreements on their four-month tour and that they came out still speaking to each other.—United Press.

Calling Card Guest
A famous expert on Oriental affairs, Dr. Cheng Te-Kun will be the guest on "Calling Card" on the Rediffusion Television Service at a quarter to nine tonight.

Dr. Cheng is Professor of Far East Archaeology and Chinese Arts at Cambridge University and he was founder and director of the West China Union University Museum at Chengtu, Szechuan for some years.

He is the author of many publications dealing with all aspects of Chinese porcelain and paintings and he is now on a short holiday in the Colony revisiting members of his family.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Certainly we had to buy her lots of snappy new clothes for college—she has to be smarter than she was in high school!"

TOUGH FIGHT FOR FOREIGN AID BILL

By ROBERT BARKDOLL

Washington, Feb. 23.
The Senate Republican leader, William F. Knowland, said today that the congressional battle shaping up over President Eisenhower's \$3,942,000,000 foreign aid bill would be "one of the toughest fights" of the session.

But he predicted the foreign aid programme would be continued, although possibly in "curtailed form." The California Senator pointed out that support for foreign aid comes from both Republicans and Democrats.

The same point was made by Eric A. Johnston, head of a White House-sponsored conference to be held here on Tuesday to whip up public backing for the aid programme. President Eisenhower and former President Truman will address the meeting at different times.

Mr. Johnston, President of the Motion Picture Association, said response so far to the meeting showed that the people were "vitaly interested" in foreign aid.

National Security
He said 1,200 leaders from "every walk of life" had accepted invitations to the conference on "foreign aspects of US national security." He reported that "hundreds" of additional requests to attend had to be turned down.

While most Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress support the aid programme, it is opposed by a sizable bloc of members who feel the time has

LADY BLACK VISITS RED CROSS
Lady Black, new President of the British Red Cross Society, Hongkong Branch, visited ladies of one of the BRCS working party groups at Sandilands Hut this morning.

Upon her arrival Lady Black was met by Mrs. Michael Turner, Director, with Mrs. J. Lamb and Mrs. F. J. Smith. Mrs. D. E. Kelly who was supervising the group introduced the ladies present. Another group meets on Tuesday mornings to prepare swabs and similar tasks.

Mrs. A. Sommerfeld said that the group were formed early in 1950 before the outbreak of hostilities in Korea and stocks of dressings were prepared and stored.

come to halt or sharply curtail overseas spending.

Some congressmen who want to increase domestic spending as an anti-recession measure have said that such outlays could be offset by a slash in foreign aid.

Senator Knowland indicated on the ABC television programme, "College News Conference," that he thought efforts to trim the programme would be successful. But he predicted its eventual passage in some form.

United Press.

Letters to the Editor
A Reply
To The Editor, China Mail.
Sir,—In case any should imagine that I am allowing the challenges presented in "Interested" letter to pass by default, I shall try to answer the question he raises.

First there is no reason why critics should not differ about plays as about other things. No two persons see the same thing in the same way, therefore their findings are bound to be different.

Regarding standards, I can only imagine "Interested" is referring to some earlier correspondence that appeared on the subject. What are the standards of the theatre? West-end? Does that mean the play that was booted off the first night, or the one that went on to a record run? Provincial? Rubbish!

The theatre would die if it were not for our repertory theatres, and certainly Shakespeare would have gone from us had his plays had to rely on West-end productions.

Quality my criticism, I think I did qualify my statements as I went along. The surprise entry was good theatre and well done. The play carried an under-loads that is important to society (especially at the moment). It was well brought out.

Regarding my own criticism. Well, I am not in Fleet Street; my theatre is not in Shaftesbury Avenue. If I chase my players from the stage, I am left with nothing.

DRAMA CRITIC.

PLAINTIFF SAYS:

Former Director Offered To Operate Ship

Evidence of an alleged offer by Mr J. F. Horman-Fisher, a former director of Wheelock, Marden and Co., Ltd, to operate the mv Lady Wolmer as agents for the plaintiff, was given by Mr Alexander Kwong, plaintiff in a claim for \$960,000 before Mr Justice C. W. Reece at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr Kwong said he had lost money in operating the vessel on his own and had only paid two instalments to Wheelock, Marden and Co., as he had spent too much on overhead charges. He said Mr Horman-Fisher saw him in early October, 1950, and allegedly suggested to operate the ship for plaintiff as agents.

Mr Kwong said he did not agree to Mr Horman-Fisher operating the vessel at first, but "finally I had no alternative but to agree."

Counter Claim

Mr Kwong is claiming \$960,000 against Wheelock, Marden and Co., being the value of the mv Lady Wolmer, and general damages for her alleged delinquent conversion.

Defendants deny the claim and are counter-claiming for a sum of \$18,213.04, allegedly due by plaintiff, with interest from June 30, 1954.

The Lady Wolmer was stranded on May 19, 1953, off Cheju Island, near the South Korean coast, and was abandoned as a total loss on May 22.

Mr Kwong is represented by Mr Brook Bernacchi and Mr Richard Winter, both instructed by Mr M. E. Ives, of Peter M. and Co.

Wheelock, Marden and Co., Ltd, are represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr F. G. Nigel, of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

The plaintiff testified that he was the sole proprietor of Roland and Co. He started in shipping business in 1948 by chartering vessels.

In December, 1949, he visited Mr Horman-Fisher in the latter's office at Wheelock, Marden and Co. in order to purchase the Lady Wolmer. As a result of negotiations, he entered into an agreement, in which Mr Horman-Fisher signed on behalf of Wheelock, Marden and Co. A Mr S. K. Chan also signed as a witness to the agreement, he said.

The agreement provided for a deposit of \$34,000, which was paid on December 12, 1949, and also payment of \$128,000 upon delivery of the vessel, which sum was paid on January 7, 1950.

The agreement also provided payment of the balance of the vessel on monthly instalments of \$4,000 commencing from the date of delivery of the vessel. The plaintiff said he paid two instalments for February and March, 1950. He also paid bills in respect of oil supplied to the ship, as well as water, repairs, crew wages and insurance premium, which totalled about \$400,000.

Signed Letter
Testifying on the delivery of the vessel, the plaintiff said shortly before 8 a.m. on January 7, 1950, with a letter of introduction from the defendant company he boarded the Lady Wolmer and saw the captain of the vessel. The captain gave him a letter upon which he signed. He then gave instructions to the captain to load certain cargoes on board for Tientsin.

The plaintiff said he operated the vessel until October, 1950. The operation was, however, not successful. The vessel was bombarded by airplanes and man-of-war from Formosa while attempting to enter Swatow and suffered damage from machine-guns.

He said he had paid two instalments as he had then insufficient money to meet these instalments. He said that he had spent too much overhead charges on account of the vessel, as he had to pay double the wages for crew members on board a British vessel going to the China mainland.

The insurance rate, he said, was then three per cent more than the present day one, and he had also had to pay for repairs for the damage caused during the bombardment, all Swatow at his own expense at

first, though he could recover the money later from the insurance company.

In early October, 1950, he met Mr Horman-Fisher in the latter's office. During the conversation, Mr Horman-Fisher allegedly told the plaintiff that he, the plaintiff, was not "a good shipping man," and that he did not know how to operate the ship. Mr Horman-Fisher also allegedly said "Everybody makes money now. Why don't you? You'd better give the ship back to me to operate for you. I am sure within 20 months, I'll pay all your debts for my company. Might have some profit."

Did Not Agree
The plaintiff said he did not agree to the suggestion at first as he had lost so much in business operating the vessel and in giving up the vessel it would mean bankruptcy and loss of face. He said he had also told Mr Horman-Fisher that he had a man who was prepared to put up money as capital to form a limited company and that this man could only provide the money by the end of October that year.

He said Mr Horman-Fisher had also suggested that he was to be the plaintiff's agent in operating the vessel, and that he could offset the profit against the debt plaintiff had owned the defendant company. Plaintiff said Mr Horman-Fisher had also suggested that a certain shipping company was either to have the vessel or to operate in company with the defendant company.

Plaintiff said he objected to the idea as the particular shipping company Mr Horman-Fisher had mentioned was a Chinese company and was therefore his competitor.

No Alternative
The plaintiff said he at first did not agree to Mr Horman-Fisher's idea but finally he had "no alternative but to agree."

The vessel was taken back by the defendant company on October 20 that year, plaintiff said.

Hearing is continuing.

MERCHANT ON DRUG CHARGE

A 30-year-old Indian merchant, Mohindra Verma, of 11 B.I. Macdonnell Road, and a 35-year-old unemployed man, Pui Saling, of 173 Wing Lok Street, second floor, appeared before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of conspiracy to deal in dangerous drugs—raw opium.

First defendant is also the proprietor of the Associated Enterprises, Room 309 Hing Fat House, of 8 Duddell Street.

It is alleged that both defendants conspired together with others not in custody to deal in dangerous drugs—raw opium between February 15 and 22.

Detective Sub-Inspector G. J. Hiddle, opposed bail on the grounds that the prosecution required time for further investigations into the case and that there might be other charges preferred against the defendants.

Mr A. El Arouil, of A. el Arouil and Co., is representing the first defendant.

Both defendants are remanded in Police custody until Thursday. No pleas were taken.

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From the Files

25 years AGO

THE most fortunate men who tried their luck in the present annual race meeting are undoubtedly Sgt. G. Britton and Sgt. W. S. Dail, two members of the Hongkong Traffic Police. This is the record they have achieved within the period of a year—First prizes of \$2,000 and \$2,213, second prizes of \$1,344 and \$985 and another first prize of \$3,000 shared with two others. Whilst on the first and second days of the present meeting, they have secured two first prizes of \$1,033 and \$2,012 respectively, on through ticket No. 394.

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The Listeners' Club reports: One evening last week, KCBL Shanghai put over an SOS stating that the front door of a certain well-known radio establishment on Nanking Road had been inadvertently left open. As a result, several listeners went along to the store and mounted guard until the proprietor came along with the key.

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MR O'Shaughnessy, Secretary to the Irish Hospitals Sweepstake, has sent the following press-notice: The following prize, won in the Irish Sweepstake on the Cessarewitch in October last, is still unclaimed. The auditors made every effort to get into touch with the winner but can get no reply. If the prize is not claimed by April 7, it becomes forfeit to the hospitals fund. The prize is £100 and the ticket number is BC93868 and the winner is H. Barton, Milri, Sarawak, via Singapore.

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Position Wanted.—\$500 to \$1,000 offered to anyone assisting an American, aged 23, to secure position in any capacity (outdoor preferable) at any salary. Write Box...

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A YOUNG woman of 17, named Kiku Owari, in the city of Choshi, Japan, held her chastity so dear that she left her home, decked in her wedding dress, on the night of the 14th instant when the wedding ceremony was to take place. A letter left behind spoke of her strong desire to retain her virginity as the reason for her conduct. The astonishing family immediately communicated with the local police which are instituting a search for the missing bride-to-be. As there are indications of her having gone to Tokyo, the Metropolitan Police are asked to join in the search.

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Lammert Brothers advertised.—Sale by public auction, on Monday, February 27, 140 lbs of red caviar.

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Kiyoshii Tanabe, a young man of 31, who gained much notoriety as "Chimney Sitter the First," was found drowned near a police-box at Shin Yamashita bridge at Nakaku, Yokohama. He has apparently been dead for a month. During the Fuji Spinning Co. dispute at Kawasaki in 1930, near Tokyo, this man climbed up the high chimney of the factory unnoticed, about 130 feet high, and refused to come down until and unless the company acceded to the workers' demands. He remained on the chimney for 130 hours and 20 minutes. His novel demonstration was successful, for the dispute was settled to the satisfaction of the strikers. He was, however, sentenced to three months' imprisonment with stay of execution of sentence for three years. Whether this was a case of suicide or of death by accident is not known.

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London.—In the House of Commons today (February 22) the Colonial Secretary informed Mr. Lumsden that under the system of mail tax, the number on the Hongkong register in November, 1951, was 3,017. Registration ceased in 1950 and since then mail tax had been an illegal status. It was now that of domestic workers.

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